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AGRICULTURAL SHOW TO-DAY

FORMAL OPENING BY H. E.
THE GOVERNOR

"LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES"

To-day is a red letter day for the 300 square miles or so of land known as the New Territories. On an unprecedented scale, an Agricultural Show is being held, which will conclude to-morrow.

The venue is Shek Wu Hui, near Sheung Shui railway station. Gates were opened at 11 a.m., followed by the judging of exhibits by some of the experts in the Colony, British and Chinese. The formal opening by H.E. the Governor is at 2.30 p.m.

First Idea

Information about the show is taken, inter alia, from the Committee's handbook.

The idea of an Agricultural Exhibition was first suggested by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) and the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E. in the latter part of 1926, and on January 15, 1927 a meeting was held at the office of the District Officer, Tai-po, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. A. Fraser, when the matter was considered in all its bearings. At the time, discussion concentrated particularly upon the possibilities of holding an Annual Show.

Among the earliest supporters were Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. Green (Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department), Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. L. Gibbs and Mr. Fung Ki-chau (a retired merchant residing in Fanling) and there were thirty of the village elders representing practically every district in the New Territories in which there are over 500 villages.

The Predecessor

A committee was subsequently formed and the First Show was held on December 8, 1927.

The Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show have since been engaged in a great effort to make the annual shows a series of successes, steadily expanding in size and importance as the years pass. With the valued assistance of the Kowloon Residents' Association, the banking and commercial circles, together with the enthusiastic support of the Chinese and European communities in Hong Kong and in the New Territories, the Committee cannot fail of its endeavour in encouraging development on modern and progressive lines of agriculture in all its various phases in the New Territories.

"A Hardy People"

In short, nothing has been attempted that can be regarded as straying too far from practicalities. The Committee's method of educating the farmers in the New Territories may be illustrated by (substituting one or two words) these lines of Tennyson:

"By slow prudence to make
flexible a hardy people
and thro' soft degrees induce
them to the useful and the good."

Education

For the moment, the process of education would necessarily be along elementary and progressive lines. First, in arousing interest among the farmers by giving prizes for the best production and making the show as attractive as possible, from the point of view of the village, without overlooking, also, the educational value of the show.

There is not the slightest doubt that the Agricultural Show, with its educational value, is a most successful and profitable venture.

ALLEGED PIRATES IN COURT

THIRD SUSPECT MAKING
IMPROVEMENT

BULLET EXTRACTED

The two Hoklos alleged to have taken part in the piratical attack on the s.s. "Halching" on December 8, were again brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, Assistant Crown Solicitor, in asking for a further adjournment, said that a third man also suspected of being one of the pirates, and whose life was at first thought to be in danger, was now making rapid improvement at the Government Civil Hospital. He had heard from Dr. Ware yesterday that an operation had been performed and a bullet had been extracted from the man's lungs. Since then the suspected man had been improving rapidly and if the improvement continued, he should be out of hospital in two weeks and a half.

Mr. Andrewes thought that under the circumstances it would be better to proceed against the three men together, and asked his Worship to adjourn the proceedings against the two accused in the dock.

Number of Witnesses
Asked as to the number of witnesses he would be calling, Mr. Andrewes said that at present he did not know, but he thought that there would be quite a considerable number of them to be called.

In further answer to the Magistrate, Mr. Andrewes said that they could not concern themselves as to any particular Sessions in which the defendants might be brought before the Higher Court. They had to suit the convenience of the officers of the "Halching."

Idea Approved

In granting a further week's adjournment, his Worship said that it was a good idea to charge the three men together, but he would also have to consider the two prisoners in the dock. He would again consider the matter after the week's adjournment.

this machine to the New Territories may be seen near the grounds of the Show. Thirdly, as the soil of the New Territories is found largely deficient in essential chemicals, artificial treatment is gradually being introduced through the generous aid of the Imperial Chemical Industries in the way of distributing gratis to the farmers Sulphate of Ammonia, undertaking to analyse the soil and making handsome donations for prizes.

Carnival Spirit

Special railway facilities, thanks to the courtesy and generosity of the Kowloon Railway Administration, are being provided this year for transportation of exhibits and exhibitors as well as visitors to the Show. Time-table and information as regards special trains and reduced tariffs may be gleaned elsewhere in this Handbook.

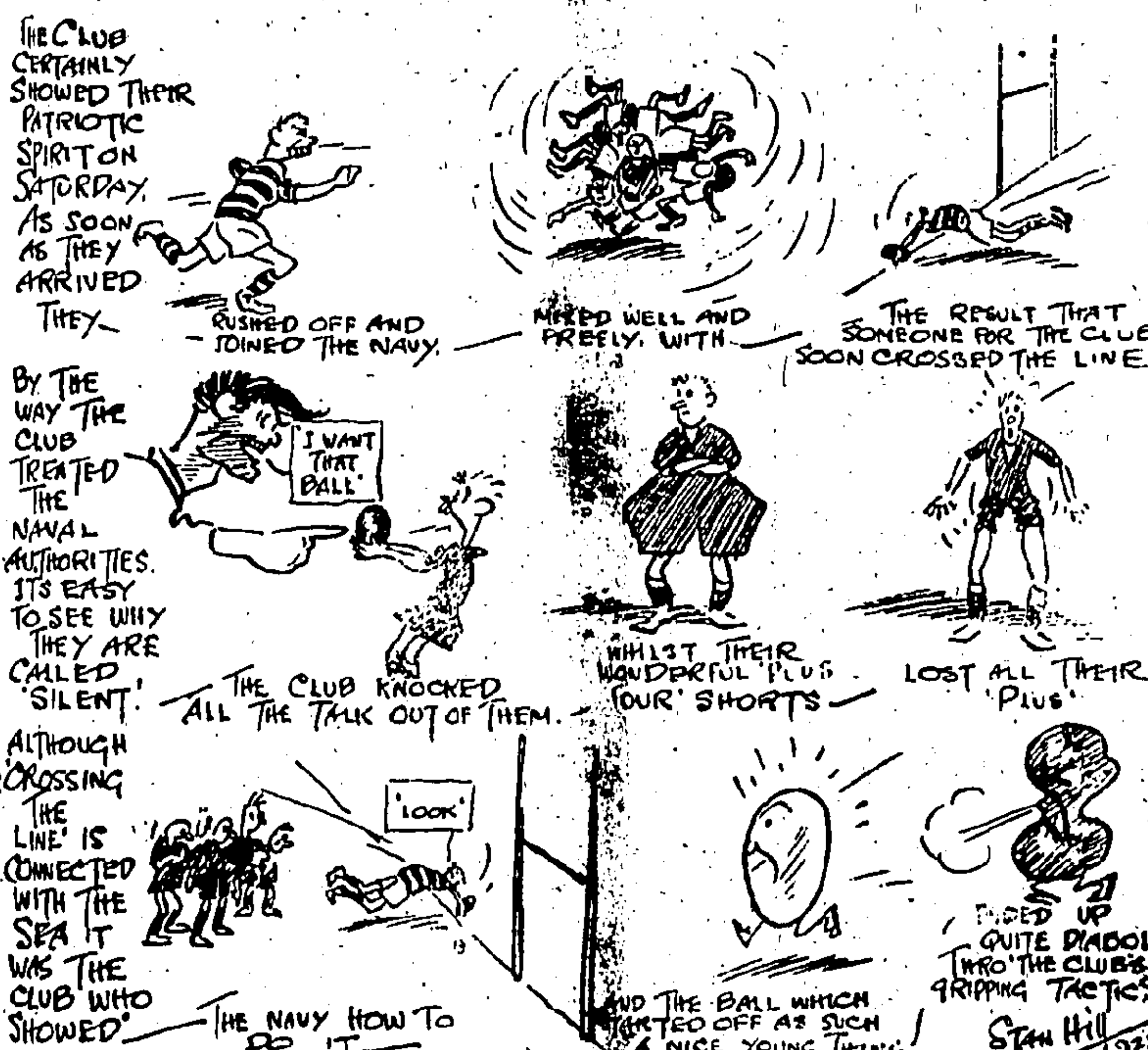
The Chung Mei Garage Co., Ltd. are operating an augmented bus service between Mongkok and Un Long via Taun Wan, Castle Peak and Ping Shan, while the Nam Hing Motor Bus Co. will maintain an additional bus service between Un Long and Sheungshui.

In the opinion of the Committee, an annual occasion like this Agricultural Exhibition should be suffused with the joyous carnival spirit and is sufficient to justify the staging of such features as those generously contributed by the Chin Wo Athletic Association, Chung Sing Benevolent Association, Miss Le Pui-lan and other Chinese musicians and other items as appears in the programme.

Enthusiastic Support

For the convenience of Chinese and Europeans, the Committee have made provision for Chinese and Western Restaurants, enabling visitors to obtain all necessary refreshments near the Exhibition Ground. Attention is invited to the efficient catering of the Queen's Cafeteria, who have kindly promised to contribute a considerable percentage of the proceeds towards the show.

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How the Club defeated the Royal Navy at Ruggar Last Saturday.

BRITISH EMPIRE AS A WORLD FORCE

GENERAL SMUTS COMPARES IT
WITH LEAGUE OF NATIONS

A UNIQUE INSTITUTION

Rugby, Yesterday.
General Smuts, the South African statesman, made a remarkable speech on the British Empire at a luncheon given by the Canadian Club at Montreal. He said that he felt it was a unique characteristic of the Empire that it had given scope and offered opportunities to small peoples as no Empire of the past had ever done. The British Empire had deliberately set itself to encourage a variety of types and institutions and to produce a great interwoven pattern in which scope was left for every kind of diversity.

Since for the smaller peoples there could be no better or more beneficent system, he held that they should be foremost in preserving it as a guarantee for their liberties and privileges, such as they could secure by no other agency. He claimed that the Empire had served as a working model for the League of Nations, and expressed the belief that the existence of the Empire was the best augury for the permanent success of the League, which was achieving invaluable results.

Continuing, General Smuts said that the last ten years had been spent in elaborating the status of the Dominions and securing for them constitutional equality with the Mother Country, and the help and good will of British statesmen of all parties had always been available. But this achievement was only half the battle. He urged that the next ten years might be given over with the same zeal to the achievement of closer co-operation and real solidarity in policy. He made this plea as a man who had given some of the best years of his life in fighting to escape from the British flag and he spoke as no lover of imperialism as a doctrine. But he felt that the British Empire was an institution of a unique type and of incalculable value, and that its citizens would show little evidence of political sagacity and foresight if they did not hand it on undiminished in vigour to their children, so that it might play an even more beneficent part in the world's affairs than it had already done—British Wireless Service.

FIRECRACKER WARNING

On the approach of China New Year, which falls on January 30, the Inspector General of Police has issued the customary warning about fireworks.

The defined limits in which crackers may be fired are specified for both sides of the harbour and times laid down.

Reasonable precautions must be taken against the risk of fire in the use of crackers. The Inspector General of Police has issued a warning about fireworks.

STEAMBOAT ASHORE

Chinese Gunboats Stand By
British Flag

A wireless despatch from Canton yesterday states that the British steamboat "Tin Yat" was ashore at Escape Creek and that Chinese gunboats were standing by.

The "Tin Yat" is one of the smaller of river vessels plying between Hong Kong and Canton. She left here as usual at 10 p.m. on Thursday with cargo and passengers, in company with others, and should have arrived in Canton harbour yesterday morning.

It was understood to-day that she had not been re-floated. The passengers are in no danger, however.

BANKNOTE ISSUES INCREASED

AVERAGE IN CIRCULATION IN
DECEMBER

TOTAL OF \$78 MILLIONS

Following the agitation for more paper money in the Colony and the Government's decision to waive its one per cent. per annum tax on amounts issued over \$45,000,000 (by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation) as from December 31, 1929, all three issuing banks have increased their circulation as compared with November.

The returns of the average amount of banknotes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended December 31, 1929, as certified by the Managers of the respective banks is as follows:

Bank	Average	Specie
Bank of China	\$17,168,828	\$7,000,000
Chartered Bank	\$17,168,828	\$7,000,000
Bank of India	\$17,168,828	\$7,000,000
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CHEERING CROWDS SEE PRINCE OFF

VISIT TO AFRICA TO CONTINUE
BIG GAME EXPEDITION

AN INFORMAL TRIP

London, Yesterday.
A large cheering crowd at Waterloo saw off the Prince of Wales, who is proceeding to Cape Town on route to East Africa on an informal three months' tour to resume the big game hunting expedition interrupted at the end of 1928 owing to the King's illness.

An Ordinary Passenger

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Prince of Wales had a cordial send-off when he left to-day for Africa to resume his big game hunting expedition, which was interrupted by the King's illness last year. His departure was marked by no formally whatever. But when he left St. James's Palace, and again at Waterloo Station, large crowds cheered him. His brothers, the Duke of Gloucester and Prince George, and Princess Louise, were among the party at the station to bid him farewell. By his own wish, the Prince travelled from Waterloo to Southampton as an ordinary passenger. At Southampton his Royal Highness was greeted by the Mayor who wished him a happy journey and good sport. The Prince smilingly thanked him, and then, followed by his equestrians, hurried to the gangway to the liner "Kenilworth Castle." He was received aboard by the Captain, who conducted him to his sitting-room on the promenade deck. The liner sailed at four o'clock; crowds on the quayside cheered and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King." Half a gale was blowing and rain was falling heavily.

Earlier Cable

The Prince of Wales sails from Southampton to-day in the s.s. "Kenilworth Castle" for Capetown to resume his big game hunting trip in East Africa, which he abandoned at the end of 1928 when the King was taken ill. The Prince, who will be away until the end of April, is anxious that his tour should be as far as possible of a private nature. He is taking no ceremonial kit with him, and will travel on the "Kenilworth Castle" as an ordinary passenger.

On reaching Capetown he will stay for a short while with the Governor-General of South Africa, Lord Athlone, before travelling north through Rhodesia to Dodoma, in the "Rhizophyllis" Territory, the point at which he abandoned his earlier trip.

It is probable that as the rainy season in Tanganyika may make the small route impracticable for automobiles, the Prince will use an aeroplane to show from one hunting ground to another. He took leave of the King and Queen on Tuesday night and spent yesterday and this morning with his mother, the Queen Mother, at Windsor.

The Prince of Wales is expected to return to England in the early part of next year.

IS THAT SO

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and worse

The flour market is not so dusty.

The average married man gets little hear below.

Theory may raise a man's hopes, but practice raises his pay.

'Tis said that golfers go to Fanling in cliques with cleeks.

No one has yet thought of calling aviators aircrafty fellows.

Trade note: Chinese fertiliser is selling well—Also smelling well!

Lieut.-Commander Morice Blood, R.N., has been gifted with a young Blood.

Some motor cars in Kowloon are paid for as they are used, but not so rapidly.

Newspaper heading: "The Magnificent Strides of Man."—Bought at Powell's?

Newspaper heading: "Crushing out Kwangsi."—A bigger job than Morrison Hill!

The girl who would have nothing to do with a man with a past prefers one with a present.

Too many landlubbers take their fish supplies as a matter of course—Second course, in fact.

The trade in sandalwood is on the decline; the trade in "sandalwood" is on the up grade.

Some people claim that there is no such word as "Can't" in their vocabulary but what about Can't?

At to-night's boxing tournament in the Theatre-Royal it may be a case of Edwin and all the others out.

Most "topside" wives hardly know how to put the baby to bed, and often forget to lock the garage.

Government Departments are so prim and old-fashioned they will not allow anybody to squeeze their wastes.

"S.C.A.A. Player in Limelight."—The lime was probably given to him half way through before the light failed.

According to the Thieves' and Window Smashers' Guild, it's a Ullmann who does none of their fraternity any good.

Sensational football incident at Happy Valley: "Miss in Goal-mouth."—The ordinary custodian must have been missing.

China notifies "romances opened" in regard to the development of the air mails—We shall not send ours that way.

Scientists attribute a gay temperament to a sound stomach. We know some owners of stomachs that sound and they are far from gay.

With the signs of civil warfare in China abating 'tis appropriate that an article in a contemporary should be headed "Peace-Goods Trade."

During last week the folk on the Island consumed 47.54 million gallons of water.—Was there a famine in whisky for the Christmas celebrations?

The old ill joys who say they don't know what the world's coming to would cease worrying 'if they stopped to realise that they couldn't stop it if they did.

An hotel manager intimates on Christmas that certain Christmas puddings had 15 cents in them. He succeeded in "picking" these "specials" out for himself!

Two men appeared at the Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of "Theft of a Motor Car."—The car was a 1928 model.

The ideal motor cycle for Hong Kong is the medium heavy twin cylinder machine, which, we read, has a much sweeter pulling power on hills and long climbs—How sweet!

A girl student has conquered all male rivals in the annual oration contest in Peking—Why weren't the men handicapped against such a woman talker?

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A motor manufacturer's agent is credited with complaining that there is no "traff" to protect British makes against those of other countries.—Hence the strafe instead of the "traff"!

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Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), are as follows:—

January	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
1	7.04	5.52
2	7.04	5.53
3	7.04	5.54
4	7.05	5.54
5	7.05	5.55
6	7.05	5.56
7	7.05	5.57
8	7.06	5.57
9	7.06	5.58
10	7.06	5.59
11	7.06	5.59
12	7.06	6.00
13	7.06	6.01
14	7.06	6.01
15	7.06	6.02
16	7.06	6.03
17	7.06	6.03
18	7.06	6.04
19	7.06	6.04
20	7.06	6.05
21	7.06	6.05
22	7.06	6.06
23	7.06	6.07
24	7.06	6.08
25	7.06	6.08
26	7.06	6.09
27	7.06	6.10
28	7.06	6.10
29	7.06	6.11
30	7.06	6.11
31	7.06	6.11

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Gripping Experiences Of A Woman Traveller

Our ship, the "Alfonso Penna," had stopped during the night to load a cargo of logs—an unusual occurrence, for the Lloyd-Brazilero steamers are accustomed to make the trip up the Amazon with brief visits only to Santarem, Obydos and Manaus, writes Ann Conyers in the "New York Times" and continues:—

This time, however, we were to remain here for twenty-four hours. Promptly at daybreak a fiery red sun popped over the treetops, and revealed Antonio Lemi in a fierce blaze of glory as a small lumber station on the river—just a clearing in the jungle with a sawmill, telegraph office, crowd of perspiring negroes, stripped to the waist and vast swarms of enormous mosquitoes. Behind and around it closed down the dense, equatorial forest until the few low buildings and even our ocean liner as it lay moored to the dock, seemed smothered in damp, steaming greenery.

LEISURELY ADVENTURE

I was hanging languidly over the rail, gazing at the opposite bank, misty in the heat, and steeling myself for twelve hours of purgatory when relief came in the form of a small steam launch which chugged up to our ship from across the river. It contained a black youth, crouched over the engine, and a squat old Indian who engaged an officer on our bridge in a loud Portuguese conversation about oil. There was something humorous and kindly in the old man's face, and anything that moved had a better chance of escaping these mosquitoes, so, on an impulse, as he was swinging his boat away, I called out and motioned for him to come around to the dock. He nodded good-naturedly and obeyed and it took me only a few suddenly energetic minutes to transfer myself ashore in his boat.

I persuaded him in Portuguese to abandon whatever vague plans he may have had for the day and to guide me up one of the narrow "igaripe," those nameless side-streams that enter the Amazon at short intervals all the way from Para to Iquitos in Peru.

Put-putting Over the River

For the first time on the voyage, as my Indian guide turned the nose of his vessel slowly inland, I felt a sense of independent and leisurely adventure. Our launch was a rickety, wheezy, little boat with a pile of kindling wood and the silent black boy taking up most of the bottom and Emmanuel, the brown-skinned owner, all of the seat. However, a tattered gray awning kept off the hottest rays of the sun and the boat sat low in the water so that a damp coolness blew in our faces as we put-putted over the river.

Gradually the intricacies of the jungle began to dawn upon me. What had been monotonous and blurred by the feathery, creeping bamboo from a distance, upon closer inspection became of infinite variety. Those towering, gray "board" trees had a fine mosaic work of pale pink and yellow mosses upon their square trunks; the interlacing vines and underbrush were speckled with tiny purple and orange flowers and the universal green was spotted here and there by the vivid red of some rubbery parasite, perched high upon a bough. Occasionally the branches thinned and we could see into the forest—vistas of green, lacynous and palms like some had grown accustomed to out in undersea growth. The silence I had grown accustomed to put in the midstream was broken now by the rustling of leaves and the soft whistles and calls of birds.

Twice we passed large "cigarras," tawny fowls, the size of turkeys, with peacock crests on their heads, flying low in the branches overhanging the river. They crashed heavily along in pairs, gleaming in the sunshafts like birds of golden bronze, and once a white egret floated lazily off a treetop.

After a bit we turned sharply at right angles up a leafy water lane, and more palm-leaf huts appeared upon both sides. It was quite a community, hidden behind the foliage at the juncture of the main river, and small patches of rice and banana groves broke the wild forest line. A few half-clothed women stood on the sagging platforms of their homes and watched us curiously as we chugged by. Then came again an unsettled piece of jungle, with the thick boughs of the trees interlacing overhead and casting a yellowish green light.

A Venetian Woodland
The dark shadow of the water tunnel through which we had just come gave way to a prosaic river, at the end of which was a store. Apparently it was the centre of life on that particular creek. For around the place, tied to

gether and jamming the narrow waterway, were all sorts of row-boats and river craft. A few people stood talking on the porch.

While Emmanuel attended to his fuel I clambered ashore and wandered about sight-seeing. The wife of the storekeeper was a thin, pocket-marked "caboclo" lady in a scanty chemise, but she had a friendly smile and was delighted to show me her home and place of business. The shop was a typical country general store, with all sorts of canned goods, strings, nails and bits of gingham for sale, and she told me that the Indians brought rice, mandioca flour and cotton for them to send on down to Antonio Lemi. But I gathered there was not much trading, for nearly all lived contentedly on bananas and rice and other wild-growing fruits and what fish they could catch from the doorways of their cabins.

It was a blissful relief to slide once more into the shade, scraping over roots and through thick bushes in our narrow craft. The further we penetrated the denser was the growth overhead and the darker the shadows until we came into a region of perpetual twilight. Once accustomed to the deepening gloom, I saw that we were floating in a sort of Venetian woodland. The whole floor of the forest was water, inky black and still, with occasional brilliant white patches where the sun pierced the roof of trees and beyond woods, and as the damp, hot, mouldy air seeped up into my nostrils a nauseated feeling came over me, as if I had entered a diseased place.

An Unpleasant Sensation

The unpleasant feeling soon grew to active alarm and I poked my companion in the back and motioned to be taken out into the daylight again. He stuck his paddle obediently in the mud and had just started to swing us around when the bushes beside us parted with a rustle and something darted forth.

"What's that?" I cried, grabbing the frightened boy's shoulder frantically, convinced that some reptile was about to turn us over. However, I soon calmed down, for it proved to be only another canoe that had almost run into us and then by a quick turn had slipped alongside. A queer, hoarse voice said in French:

"That was English you spoke just now, was it not?"
I stared in dumb amazement at this sudden apparition. It was a wan, unshaven, little man, kneeling in the centre of his boat in a faded pair of overalls and with the inevitable palm leaf hat upon his head. He nodded to my guide as if he knew him and then sat gazing silently at me after that one question as though he, too, had seen a ghost. I scrutinized him carefully, too, and realized slowly that in spite of his weather-beaten colour and the painful red welts of insect bites all over his face and arms he was neither a mulatto nor an Indian. A cold chill ran down my spine as the suspicion grew that he must be a white man.

"You will pardon me," he began again after a bit, still in French, and smiling faintly at my open-mouthed astonishment; "but one does not often meet people in this lagoon. You are the first white woman I have seen in seven years, or is it nine?" He took off his hat and scratched his unkempt head perplexedly, "one loses count."

"You are a Frenchman?" I finally managed to articulate. In the same language, not certain yet whether I was dreaming.

"Yes, madame. The only one you will find in all the Amazonas. I have a little rice plantation further back in the country," and he waved his hand toward the murky interior of the swamp.

Ships that Pass
Our two canoes were bobbing peacefully side by side and a burn-

ing curiosity began to take possession of me, so I pulled myself together sufficiently to offer him a cigarette, and we talked there in the dusk, silently blowing clouds of blue smoke about us to keep away the mosquitoes. I turned over slowly in my shocked mind what reasons he could possibly have for being in such a dreary, sinister place.

"How did you happen to come to Brazil?" I finally ventured, cautiously. He threw his cigarette into the water before replying, then said calmly: "I am a deserter from the French Army."

"Ah!" I ejaculated, much relieved. "Is that all? What made you do that?"
He lifted his shoulders. "Two of us were on sick leave in Marseilles that last Spring of the war. We did not know it would be over so soon."

THE BRIDGE TABLE

**Allow The Enemy To
Make Mistakes**

When the declarer can do no good with the lead his best plan is to let the adversaries have it. They may lead up to a tenace in his hand, or allow him to discard an important losing card or in some other way give him valuable assistance. After all the defenders cannot see each others' cards and are always liable to make a slip.

Take this deal for example:—
Y—S—3, 7, 2; H—A, J, 4; D—9; C—Q, 9, 6, 5, 3, 2.

A—S—Q, 9, 5, 4; H—K, Q, 10, 8, 5; D—K, J, 4; C—K, 10.
B—S—10; H—9, 6, 3; D—Q, 10, 7, 6, 5; C—A, J, 8.

Z—S—A, K, J, 6, 4, 3; H—7, 2; D—A, 3, 2; C—7, 4.
Z is left in with a pre-emptive bid of three Spades at love score and A leads the King of Hearts. How should Z play?

Z must lose a trick in Hearts and two tricks in Clubs. If he also loses a trick to the Queen of trumps game will be gone. Z's best play is to duck the King of Hearts led to the first trick. A must then switch, and unless he switches to the Club suit itself Z will be able to discard one of his Clubs on dummy's Hearts and go game regardless of the trump situation. And would A switch to Clubs?

There is of course, no saying; but with a hand like that he might easily go wrong in choosing an alternative opening to do as little damage as possible.

Here is another hand in which the defenders are still more likely to go wrong if left to choose the right play:
Y—S—K, 9, 8; H—Q, 6, 3, D—A, 10, 9, 7, 3; C—7, 4.
A—S—5, 3, 2; H—10, 8, 7, 2; D—J, 8; C—J, 10, 9, 2.
B—S—5, 4; H—A, J, 9, 5; D—Q, 6, 5; C—A, 8, 5, 3.
Z—S—A, Q, J, 10, 7; H—K, 4; D—K, 4, 2; C—A, K, 6.

At love score Z deals and bids one Spade; A no bid; Y, two Spades; and all pass. A leads the Jack of Clubs. Now if Z wins the first Club trick, continues the suit,

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concealment occurred in a hand played at the Philadelphia Racket Club in 1913 by Mr. P. Gregg. The play is a classic of a kind, has often been published, but as it may be new to some of my readers I give it in full.

At score love all in the rubber game A dealt as follows:
Y—S—3, 2; H—K, J, 10; D—A, 9, 8, 7, 4, 2; C—7, 6.

A—S—J, 10; H—5, 3; D—10, 6, 3; C—A, Q, J, 10, 9, 4.
B—S—4; H—A, Q, 9, 8, 7, 6, 2; D—Q, J, 5; C—6, 2.

Z—S—A, K, Q, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5; H—4; D—K, C—K, 8, 3.
Z got the contract at four Spades doubled over A's Club and B's Hearts. A led the five of Hearts; Y played the ten, and B won with the Queen. B then led the five of Clubs. Z argued from the bidding that A must have at least six Clubs, so that B could only hold one more at most. He saw that should A win the first Club trick with a card below the King, he would lead Ace and another Club, giving B a ruff on the third round and thereby saving game and defeating contract. Z's only hope was to delude A into thinking that B had a third Club.

Accordingly Z dropped his eight of Clubs at the second trick without the slightest hesitation, and played his King under A's Ace on the next round, thus concealing the three of Clubs. The ruse succeeded. A abandoned all hope of giving B a Club ruff, and continued Hearts, hoping that B's Ace would make; but Z ruffed the Ace, discarded his third Club on the King of Hearts, and went game—a very neat coup.—Ceylon Observer.

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The machines were engaged upon the production of a film entitled "Such Men Are Dangerous." Like Fleming Comets.

So far three bodies have been recovered. They are those of cameramen who were catapulted from the planes at the time of the collision. The planes were preparing to swoop down after a parachutist as he leapt from the third plane, to enable the cameramen to photograph him as he struck the water. The third plane was not involved in the crash.

After the collision the two planes (containing the ten people), plunged like flaming comets 3,000 feet into the sea.

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January 4 to 10, 1930.

January	High Water	Lower Water
Date	Standard Time	Standard Time
Sat. 4	7.15	4.15
Sun. 5	8.15	5.15
Mon. 6	9.15	6.15
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This year it is estimated that the net registered tonnage of shipping handled at the docks of the Port of London will reach the record amount of 60,000,000 tons as against that of 56,000,000 tons last year.

In the past thirty years value of imports and exports in and out of the Port have jumped from £257,000,000 to £700,000,000.

The Port's increase has been mainly in cargo, as distinct from passenger traffic, but the Port authorities, by enlarging the dock accommodation and the landing stage at Tilbury, are encouraging big passenger companies to make extended use of London as a calling place for large liners.

The latest development in this direction is the announcement that the Canadian Pacific have decided to place London on the schedule of the s.s. "Montrose" and "Metagama."

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lammert sincerely thank their friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

Hong Kong, Saturday, Jan. 4, 1930.

STILL WATERS

Merely mented time Departmental after time on the practice

of suppressing legitimate news from the public by the Harbour Authorities. During the week we reported the finding of a departmental enquiry held at the Harbour Office into the circumstances surrounding the collision between a steam launch and a cargo junk. Why the enquiry was made only a departmental affair, we have not the slightest knowledge. Not content with holding the inquiry in the office of the Harbour Master, and thus preventing the Press from serving their readers faithfully, the authorities concerned went one step further. The finding of the Court was not even made known, nor was there any intimation left on the Press table. The offending coxswain in the case had his licence suspended for three years. Thus, taking the punishment into consideration, it must be obvious that the matter was serious enough to be accorded publicity. In justice to those who employ coxswains on their launches, and to the aggrieved junk owner, the matter should have been enquired into in Open Court, and the decision of the Court should have been published in the Press. To cloak the matter may seem of

shielding the offender, which is certainly not the correct interpretation of British justice.

Any risk of our Emission Of harbour being Smoke dubbed "Smoky Hong Kong,"

stands a good chance of being averted. The Governor in Council has taken action under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. The outcome is the publication of an amended regulation to Table M in the schedule to the Ordinance. For those who may not have easy access to the "Government Gazette," we quote the amended regulation here:—

- (1) Smoke in such quantity as to be a nuisance shall not be sent forth or emitted from the funnel of any steamship in any port of the Colony.
- (2) For the purposes of this regulation the expression "smoke" shall include soot, ash, grit and gritty particles.
- (3) Every person who is responsible for or is a party to a breach of this regulation and the master of the steamship on which a breach of this regulation has been committed shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.
- (4) The Court or Magistrate hearing an information or complaint against a person for breach of this regulation shall not convict if of opinion that the furnace has been so constructed and maintained as to consume or burn, so far as possible, all smoke arising therefrom, and that such furnace has been carefully attended to.

In view of the opening to-day of the For Rice Agricultural Show in the New Territories it is interesting to note that the Siamese Government has been carrying out experiments with fertilisers in connection with the cultivation of rice. Plots were carefully prepared, and the same number of plants were put into each plot. A record was kept of the various growths and it was clearly shown that the fertilised plots greatly improved. The experiments have proved clearly that where scientific fertilisation is undertaken there is a distinct improvement in the crops, and paddy growing on very inferior land can be made rich and healthy. The intention is to prove to the farmers that here they have the means to reap a larger return from their land, but the obstacle is that they usually do not possess the money to enable them to obtain possession of the necessary fertiliser. If the Government is convinced of the superiority of crops that have been fertilised it might conceivably loan the necessary money to the farmers through the co-operative societies.

On this subject the "Bangkok Times" has a correspondent's report. It says: "The Siamese Government has been carrying out experiments with fertilisers in connection with the cultivation of rice. Plots were carefully prepared, and the same number of plants were put into each plot. A record was kept of the various growths and it was clearly shown that the fertilised plots greatly improved. The experiments have proved clearly that where scientific fertilisation is undertaken there is a distinct improvement in the crops, and paddy growing on very inferior land can be made rich and healthy. The intention is to prove to the farmers that here they have the means to reap a larger return from their land, but the obstacle is that they usually do not possess the money to enable them to obtain possession of the necessary fertiliser. If the Government is convinced of the superiority of crops that have been fertilised it might conceivably loan the necessary money to the farmers through the co-operative societies."

cided loss of reputation for Siamese rice. This, I understand, is primarily due to the practice of mixing inferior rice with the better quality and so lowering the latter. If this be the correct explanation, then the merchants have been very short-sighted, for if Europe is suspicious of the Siamese product and cannot rely upon it, there is bound to be a falling off in demand. I understand that engagements have been entered into for considerable shipments to Japan and Hong Kong, but the European demand is indifferent. The only thing for the merchants to do is to return to the old quality and depart from the practice of lowering the standard, which in the long run is never a paying proposition.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Six cases of smallpox. (Chinese) in Hong Kong were reported on January 2.

Mr. T. H. R. Shaw has been appointed a member of the Court of the University for three years.

A useful date pad for 1930 has been received by the "China Mail" from Watanmal Bookhand.

A useful and informative diary for 1930, with pencil, has been received by the "China Mail" from Linotype & Machinery, Limited, 18, Ice House Street.

The name of Dr. Kelsio Kiyohara, M.B. (Imperial University of Tokyo), of No. 3, Wood Road, Wanchai, has been added to the local register of medical practitioners.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, a Cadet Officer just back from leave, has been appointed Head of the Sanitary Department and Registrar of Births and Deaths. He takes the place of Mr. W. J. Currie.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 13 of 1929 (to amend the Offences against the Persons Ordinance of 1865) passed recently.

The appointment of Mr. A. H. Crook to be O.B.E. and other appointments to grades of the Order of the British Empire, for five officers of the S.S. "Hatching," as announced in the New Year Honours on Thursday, are now gazetted.

A Chinese was discharged from the gaol two days ago, and after he had passed through the gateway, he was arrested by the Police, on a charge of being involved in an armed robbery at 92, Shanghai Street on August 18. The man was formally charged yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy and the case was adjourned.

It is notified that architects, barristers, dentists (whether registered as dental surgeons or exempted persons), medical practitioners, pharmacists, chemists, and solicitors' certificates to practise for 1930, as required by section 21 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, may be obtained from the Stamp Office on payment of \$25 stamp duty.

Mr. N. L. Smith, a Cadet Officer, has been appointed Deputy Clerk of Councils. This post carries with it the duties of 2nd Assistant Colonial Secretary, and it was occupied until now by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones. Mr. Smith acted as Postmaster-General while Mr. M. J. Breen was Colonial Treasurer during the absence of the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E.

POPPY DAY FUND

\$17,000 From Colony And Out Ports

Although several contributions have not yet come in and it is impossible at the moment to publish the accounts duly audited, it is expected by the Poppy Day Sub-Committee of the British Legion that the total raised for Earl Haig's Fund will approximate \$17,000. The amount includes remittances from the outposts as follows:

Holhow	\$108.06
Whitow	\$101.00
Swatow	\$54.74
all representing extraordinarily good efforts on the part of those responsible for the collections in these three places.	
In addition to the above total, the following have remitted direct to the British Legion Headquarters in London:	
Amoy	\$197.18
Canton	\$205.10
With reference to the remittance from Hong Kong, the Sub-Committee of the British Legion in London, on December 13, said: "The accounts are completed and audited, and such accounts will be only published."	

SOME PSYCHIC EXPERIENCES

BY MAURICE LANE-NORCOTT

DURING the last few days many people have been asking me about my psychic experiences. Have I ever fallen into a trance and thrown anything at anyone? Are my limbs at all telepathic, and can I make my feet float in the air and glow with a pretty phosphorescent light?

Well, those are difficult questions to answer off-hand. Still, I think I am as psychic as some.

Of course, I have never been a really successful medium in a large way of business, but one I ran a small spirit trade in a side street off Tottenham Court-road, under the name of Ram Chunder Buncie.

I was then under the impression that I was controlled by a small Nubian goat, called Napoleon, that used to butt people in the dark and get up to other distracting tricks, such as bleating in the morning and eating shoes.

Naturally this attracted a good deal of attention locally, for there were no night clubs off the Tottenham Court-road then, and it wasn't long before several scientists came to me and asked me to test them. They said that they could believe in all manner of things, including the Binomial Theory and the Force of Gravity, but they weren't quite sure whether they could believe in a goat or not.

Well, I shall always remember that test because it was carried out under the strictest conditions. Each of these scientists was sworn to secrecy by a man named Tatkins, who was a commissioner for oaths.

BACK IN HONG KONG AGAIN

MISS WINIFRED HENDERSON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GRACEFUL LITTLE TEACHER

A very charming young lady in Miss Winifred Henderson has returned to Hong Kong where she has a wide circle of friends. She was trained in England for a number of years under Miss Grace, Countess of London and Miss Darvill Barrett of Reading and has become a highly qualified teacher of dancing. Miss Henderson is now with Miss Daisy O'Keefe, whose pupils

"FINE LATER"

At 10.45 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—

"A strong" anti-cyclone is central over N. China. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and moderate to fresh monsoon over the China Sea."

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow:—

Hong Kong and the adjacent coast:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later. Formosa Channel:—N. E. winds, strong.

shows have so often delighted the Colony and have been productive of substantial contributions to charity.

Through Miss Henderson's talents and knowledge, Hong Kong will have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the latest steps of ball-room dancing in London and other fashionable centres of Europe.

Fitted endowed by nature for the profession she has chosen, Miss Henderson is typical of all that is graceful and chic in dancing. She insists on the strictly correct technique when giving lessons in all branches of the art.

Science of Teaching
Miss Henderson is an expert in the Dalcroze method, Espinosa's and Cecchetti's method of operatic technique, the revised Greek dance, national, clog and ball-room dances (including all that is fashionable in London at the moment in the slow and quick waltz, the Yale Blues, the waltz, the skaters' waltz and the six-step). Furthermore, she has a reputation for her accomplishments in the science of teaching and is equally capable in imparting her gifts to children or adults.

Having attained the requisite qualifications, Miss Henderson is a member of the Association of Operatic Dancers of Great Britain. Miss Henderson is entitled to the letters A.D.D. after her name.
A photo of Miss Henderson in a captivating pose appears on page 7 of this issue.

but, like all solicitors highly suspicious and disbelieving. They were then carefully blindfolded and deposited in a sack which was suspended from the ceiling by a piece of stout rope.

The idea of this was to prevent these scientists from deceiving themselves. It would be apparent at once to the scientific mind that no goat would climb up the wall and butt them in mid-air.

Finally, the lights were turned out, and after I had struck these scientists a few times with a light wand to prove to them that they were really there, the seance commenced.

Well, I am thankful to say that it proved eminently satisfactory.

When, half an hour later, these men were leaved from their sack they were all of one mind. They flatly refused to believe in a goat, although several said that they had been kicked in the stomach by a telepathic limb and one bearded one stoutly maintained that a spirit had bitten him.

My profit from this seance amounted to fifteen pounds in cash and some jewellery, and with the proceeds I purchased a small juggling outfit and went on the halls as the Great Buncie, India's Most Perilous Illusionist.

Since then I am sorry to say that seances have never really interested me.

"Quite Enduring"
"I joined the Psychical Research Society soon after its formation in the hope of hearing ghosts explained away, but now I am more certain of them than I am of 31 Tavistock Square—they are more enduring."

Sir Lawrence Jones, president of the Psychical Research Society, made this confession in an address to members of the Oxford University Psychical Research Association, 31 Tavistock Square being the London headquarters of the society.

"A ghost may be seen, or heard, or more rarely smelt," he went on. "Some ghosts may be seen or heard by one person and not by another. I have never seen a ghost myself, but I have heard one."

"There is no explanation of ghosts, nor is there any one thing that ghosts always do. But there must be some reason why ghosts are so rare for they do not seem to increase with the growth of the population. It may be that they mark off areas in space in which to live. This would account for their scarcity—but we do not know."

Referring to the "Oscar Wilde" scripts and the criticisms which had been made of them, Sir Lawrence said: "I knew Oscar Wilde slightly in 1881, and the scripts are wonderfully characteristic of him. They give me a deep impression of the survival of personality. I think his character is quite unaltered by twenty-five years in the Shades."

Everyone a "Clairvoyant"
The results of certain tests seemed to show that perhaps a modest amount of clairvoyance was part of the equipment of everyone. When the average person was asked to guess five cards taken at random from a pack, his success was far greater than any to be explained by the laws of chance, particularly in his first two shots. He would not be able to fall off in his third and fourth, and would then recover himself slightly in the fifth.

In order to prove survival of personality after death a new method of identification by thumb-prints had been introduced. It certainly seemed strange that a man who did not know his own thumb-print during life should do so after death, but apparently the incredible had happened. In place of sealed letters, collections of thumb-prints might now be deposited at the society's rooms to await identification by their owners.

The so-called "Oscar Wilde Scripts" to which Sir Lawrence Jones referred are writings obtained by spiritualistic means and claimed to have been inspired by the spirit of Oscar Wilde. In his History of Spiritualism, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle describes them as "long communications" which are not only characteristic of his style, but which contain constant allusions to obscure episodes in his own life, and which, finally, are written in his own handwriting.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" January 4, 1920.)

To-day's date is worth 4/11/20. Strange Problem. They call it a problem, and it is. A man was found dead in the Government office, and the cause of death was a bullet wound in the chest. The man was a member of the Government office, and the bullet wound was in the chest. The man was a member of the Government office, and the bullet wound was in the chest.

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PIONEER ART SUPPLEMENT.



MISS WINIFRED HENDERSON, M.A.O.D.—Who, after several years' training at home, has returned to Hong Kong to teach dancing with Miss Daisy O'Keefe. She is seen here in a graceful Greek pose.



SMILING FACES AT A CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY.—A highly successful dance was held by the Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers of His Majesty's ships in Hong Kong at the restaurant of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., on the night of December 24. A number of the officers and civilians attended as guests and the ladies' presence was much enjoyed.



BRIDE FROM BERLIN.—A wedding was solemnised at the German Church, Shanghai, where Miss Nanna Gass, from Berlin, became the bride of Mr. F. Mueller-Punk of the Pootung branch of Deutsche Stickstoff Handels-Gesellschaft. (Photo by Wei Fong).



RECLINING ON A BED OF SPIKES.—Here is a Hindu Fakir of India and to prove that he is leading a life of asceticism, not to mention severe discomfort, he has been seated on this bed of ten-inch spikes for the last ten years or so. No doubt he gets up now and again and stretches himself, but in the main he remains seated. Without having exactly an air of stricken joy on his face, he is not looking too downhearted. Chinese Buddhists, on the other hand, have been known to fast for months.



FROM CORNELL UNIVERSITY.—Some of the "Cornellians" of Shanghai, who gave a reception to Director Paul Martyn Lincoln, of the Department of Electrical Engineering, who is on a world tour after attending the Tokyo International Engineering Congress. Left to right, sitting: Messrs. K. P. Sun (Superintendent of S.N.R. and S.H.N.R.), C. Yang (Vice-President of Central Research Bureau), P. M. Lincoln, Davidson (Professor of Railroad Engineering, Nanyang University), J. Chow (Director of Engineering Research, Central Research Bureau); standing (back row): Chen Ku Assistant Manager, Kailan Mining Administration, S. Z. Kwauk (President, Shanghai Jit-tai-vent Institute), V. K. Tsong (Professor, Nanyang University), J. Z. Yang (Manager, Science Club), K. Weiman Hsu (Chief, Bureau of International Exchange, Academia Sinica) and C. C. Kuo (of Chung Hwa Studio).—(Chung Hwa Studio).



W.E.C. DELEGATES ENTERTAINED BY SHANGHAI ORGANISATIONS.—The World Engineering Congress delegates of the British Empire, United States of America and Belgium were entertained by Academia Sinica, Chinese Engineering Society, Science Society of China, World's Chinese Students' Federation and other organisations at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, where above photograph was taken. Dr. Tsai Yuen-pel, President of Academia Sinica, presided.—(Photo by Ah Fong).



SHANGHAI TELEPHONE CO.—Latest photograph of the staff of the Subscribers' Maintenance Department of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., Ltd. This department maintains all equipment fitted at subscribers' premises including the aerial distribution thereof.—(Photo by Ah Fong).



ENTERTAINING IN THE COLONY.—Miss Alice Bennis, who is aptly called "the girl with the twinkling feet." She is one of the stars in that popular troupe, "The High Steppers," now appearing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.



A Model Coat



Collars that stand up and cuffs that run up to the elbow feature the chic coats of this season. Fitch fur trimming to a coat of bottle green Leda clothes gives a perfect finish.

NEW COLOURS

Bottle-green continues, but other greens, both in very dark and tender spring shades, are not far behind. Brown is smart for afternoon, sports, and even evening frocks. It shares popularity with the very darkest purple—a colour which was but a little while ago practically taken off the fashion cards of colour! All-white is again almost the only choice for brides. White satin, dull and shiny, varied by faille and moire. The latter fabric is also responsible for some of the loveliest new evening gowns. Rich, thick, heavy satin is the ideal fabric for both the straight medieval modes and the flowing draperies and fluted panels in the latest evening trend.

White in its modern treatment is a becoming choice. This was not by any means always the case. The longer skirts and dignified simplicity no doubt account for its success. White requires, moreover, the depth and sheen of luxurious fabrics.

FOR THE AFTERNOON

For the last few years Sports Suits have been "de rigueur" until dinner. This year twelve o'clock finds the Sports Suit in the wardrobe and the lunch toilet in preparation. The new afternoon ensemble is ready to get into—but make-up for tiffin is taking as long as the evening preparations, and it requires quite another treatment. The arrival of the afternoon ensemble at last divides the day correctly, morning, afternoon, and evening, each period having its own suitable clothes. This is not an expensive arrangement, for lately a great deal of money has been spent in Sports Suits which were divided into groups, town and country, active or spectator, and some suits consisted of five or more garments with accompanying hat, scarf, bag, shoes, and jewellery.

Now we have short jackets, sometimes made of bruchschwan or velvet, perhaps trimmed with fur, which are designed to wear with the whole collection of day dresses. If hats and accessories are carefully chosen, interchange can be cleverly made.

These afternoon clothes should be as different from the evening ensemble as from the morning or Sports Suits, and should lack any line, and carry the whole atmosphere better to the evening mode. They should be simple but of distinctive line, and carry the whole atmosphere of the afternoon—tranquil beauty before the more exotic evening clothes.

THE DEBATED SKIRT

Skirt lengths continue to be a popular topic of conversation—a standby, in fact, like the weather. Actually there is a good deal of misunderstanding and unnecessary alarm on the subject. The ordinary walking skirt is very little longer than it was last season. It now well covers the knees, as, indeed, it always did in Paris when worn by the well-dressed.

It was the British women, curiously enough, who took to the above the knee skirt.

Afternoon dresses, when they are worn, are longer than the knee or above the knee sports suits that for several seasons took the place of the old ceremonial type of afternoon or reception gown.

Here there is no real comparison, for the formal afternoon frock was almost non-existent.

At night-time the skirt length has definitely dropped by many inches; in some cases, one might say, by a foot and a half!

Women are wearing these long evening skirts, but often in such transparent materials as regards the lower portion that the effect is, on the whole, rather pleasing and graceful.

So far there is no question of mid-trailing draperies, and, if one knows anything of the modern woman's practical turn of mind, there is not likely to be.

"Little Red Riding Hood"



An all-jazz chorus trained at Ann Summer's Studio for "Little Red Riding Hood" presented at the Embassy Theatre, Shanghai, on December 30 and 31. The entire proceeds of this performance will be divided between Dr. Barnardo's Orphan Asylum in England and the Russian Refugee School in Shanghai. Left to right: Leila Shengle, Marjorie Snage, Dorothy Roberts, Dorothy Snage, Jessie Neil. Front row: Eileen Hammonel, Eugenie Koch, Seregin-Sabatin, Phyllis Gray. (Photo by Joseffo).

WHAT IS WORN NOW

The mid-season collections in Paris give further glories in laces, satins, failles, moires, and velvets. Possibly a hint of simplicity is conveyed in the many charming phases of the house frock, which can be as simple or as elaborate as desired. Ultra-dressy afternoon wear for town has been, and is, a feature of this season. But not in more marked degree than the trend for tweed or soft woollen dress in place of the endless jumper-suits for the country. These wool frocks are "tailored" and sporting in character, but subtle feminine touches add pleasant variety.

So much of their "dressed" (or undressed) appearance is determined by the way of the neck. Many soft tweeds are completed by a scarf worked with hand-stitchery, coloured wools or silk embroidery, just providing a "chic" touch of contrast and colour, possibly in connection with a fanciful waistband. Some of the simplest afternoon and semi-evening frocks show little inset tuckers of net with oval-frills in their own fabric, while others are treated like a man's shirt, and in some cases a soft inside chemise is slipped inside the corsege. These accessories, when well carried out, have an important bearing on the actual style of the garment.

AT A WEDDING

Worn at a big wedding at Home recently was an attractive grey ensemble in stamped velvet that had a long coat of fine face-cloth, with a long collar and deep cuffs of grey fox. Here the coat flared at the hem. Another, in caramel satin, had a coat of cloth to match, bordered all round with milk; whilst most beautiful of all was a chestnut-brown velvet princess robe, worn with a wide dark sable stole, and a draped bat of the velvet. The pochette was also of velvet mounted in the tortoiseshell.

Pearls and diamonds are plentifully worn at big receptions at Home, where there are now but few imitation stones seen.

Even the hat ornaments are real, for once again accessories mark the definite line drawn between those for afternoon and those for morning or sports wear. In the latter case wood and metal are charming.

CAMBRIC COLLAR

There is always a "fresh" look about the cambric collar in white or pale shades. Dainty cuffs to correspond give an added elegance. But the girl who drives her own car has to choose the very simplest of these "puritanical" accessories, for once they get ruffled or creased their charm—even for the day's wear—has gone. They are a pleasing finish to the sports frock.

It is wisdom to try to carry them in the bag and put on just at tiffin-time, or else arrange them very carefully under scarf and gauntlet-gloves.

STANDARDISED MEALS

The Anglo-Saxon is the root of all evil. This we long have known. Yet his last iniquity is surprising. He has corrupted the French kitchen. He has standardised food, and to his own ignominy. This I learn from Paris. The tale of woe is that the native traveller can no longer find on the highways of tourism the right local food. The dishes which were a part of old glory of the province, of the city, the famous specialities de la maison are whelmed in a common universality of steaks and chops. And of course it is the British and the Americans who are to blame. They have no soul for the higher joys of life. They cannot rise above plumbing. Give them pains and running water and they will eat anything.

That may be all too true, and yet I am not prepared to believe the whole story. Can it be that there are no more sales in Normandy, no ducks at Rouen? Has Cien forgotten her trapes? Do they never bake a pie now in Touraine? Has Bordeaux forsown cepes? Have they ceased to hunt the truffe in Perigord? And are the moirilles no longer golden in Franche Comte? Far is it from my mind to guess what the American would like to eat, but I know that, even as the rest of us, when he stops on the way, what he has is what the hotel in its wisdom thinks will be good for him. In one he will have individuality, in another the same meal which is at that same hour being eaten by a million people in a thousand hotels in a dozen different countries. We all know that lunch, that dinner, it has bored us to melancholy again and again, and still will bore. But how can the French complain of its standardisation? They invented the thing in gross and in detail. It is their national genius which imposed it on the world—H.C.B. in London "Daily Telegraph."

BLACK AND WHITE

The smartest tweeds are in a black and white mixture. Beige is perhaps the best for real country wear, but certain makes in black and white tweed will be much worn for early spring on the Continent. Much green is now being worn at Biarritz.

Certain houses in London feature red, from the darkest wintry hue to the pinky begonia shade. It is wonderfully becoming, especially with white hair.

BLACK FACE-CLOTH

Black face-cloth looks well trimmed with a border of white broad-tail and collar of same on a short jacket. Long white kid gloves are joined to cuffs of the white broad-tail that reach to the elbow. These high fur cuffs added on to gloves are a novelty, but they do not strike one as easy or graceful. In all cases there are collars to correspond.

AT THE GLOVE COUNTER

Glove fashions are interesting, and people are talking about them—when to wear and when to refrain, and also what line to take on colours.

One never thought that the gauntlet of many colours would seriously appeal to British women. A semi-sporting tweed "ensemble" in a dull mulberry tone, was seen at Home in mall week, worn with Chanel gloves in the bronze tints, the gauntlets being inserted with no fewer than five different colours. They reached nearly to the elbow.

These gauntleted gloves have a certain fascination when in white kid with coarse black or brown stitching, with a double fold of the same shade, which gives a military appearance.

Still, the best-dressed among women are wearing suede or kid with plain gauntlet or, as an alternative, the wash-leather and chamol gloves, according to town or country requirements. The heaver and grey shades are good, with the pastel tones for smart frocks.

For the evening, when gloves are worn, one sees different lengths, of which the twelve-button design seems the usual one adopted. With the popularity of the bracelet, which continues, gloves are best finishing below the elbow. Wrinkle they must, for the new diamond bracelets are often heavy adornments.

SWEEPING DRAPERIES

The entire change in evening fashions is never more marked than in the little interval before dinner, when the guests arrive. Decades might divide the women guests of the present season from those of, say, last spring, such is the change in appearance and in manners brought about by sweeping draperies and curled collures. Whether we like it or not the new elegance has conquered, and women, with their amazing adaptability, are acquiring a graceful pose that conforms to the more picturesque ways of dress.



"PICTURE" DRESSING

Our dress designers seem to interpret every detail connected with models appertaining to what may be termed "picture" or "period" dressing in a most wonderful way. No longer can such models be confused with the once-termed "artistic style" that signified "arty" colours with atrocious cut and meaningless draperies and trimmings. The great dressmakers are sufficiently artistic to grasp the spirit of the canvas and transfer it to the creation of the modern mode, with the perfection of cut and science of to-day.

The beauty of the dress displays of this season is due to this understanding.

This skill in combining the old and new beauty is appreciated by the well-dressed American woman; she who is so immaculately tailored by day, precise and perfect in all detail. As in the case of old furniture and pictures, Americans like to introduce into their lives the spirit of the past. In this way they can avoid the peculiar look that vast sums of money spent on dress and jewellery always convey.

It is by close attention to the dainty details suggested by the age of elegance and romance that we can present gorgeous fabrics and quaint accessories and yet achieve present-day sartorial success.

BLACK OR VERY DARK

As I predicted last month (writes Mrs. C. W. Forester in the "London Daily Telegraph"), the most striking models of the season are in black or very dark colours. This applies to day-time clothes as well as evening. Black is more consistently worn than ever, and even surpasses beige and brown for the smartest tailored suits, and once again puts navy blue in the background.

For the evening black shares popularity with the darkest greens, moonlight-blue, a deep dahlia-red, and a mulberry-brown.

White and parchment shades are the exception, as they are always seen, and in great perfection, at every collection; especially white satin, which may have old lace added, as a change from the lightly traced diamond design that so cleverly helps to mould the popular princess line.

A new colour is the very deepest pansy, which rivals the dark wine shade. Both are lovely in panne and ring-velvet.

BROWN CLOTH AND SABLES

When Viscountess Ipswich married Major Gavin Hume-Gore, M.C., at Whitley Church, she wore a becoming wedding ensemble, although it is, of course, not the traditional white wedding dress.

Over a simple dress of brown georgette she wore a brown cloth coat with sable collar and cuffs, and the dress was chosen to match this valuable fur exactly. A brown hat was worn, and Lady Ipswich wore the diamond earrings given to her by the bridegroom and the diamond regimental badge of the Gordon Highlanders, in which regiment the bridegroom holds a commission.

When travelling en route for the honeymoon in the South of France the bride wore a brown tweed coat and skirt and a brown hat.

LOVELY GOWNS

Skirts get longer and flare at the feet. But the evening gowns that fall in at the ankles in front and lie lightly on the ground at the back are very lovely. The fitted bodice and higher waist give an impression of further length, which contributes to new elegance and dignity. It is the night-time fashions that really do justice to the newer femininity of fashion. The improved proportions and grace are firmly "featured" in the really good evening frocks.

Most Beautiful



Do you agree with the judges who picked Miss Dolly Jarvis as the most beautiful mannequin in Hollywood? It was no hollow honour, as hundreds of the world's best designers, working in Hollywood, bid to make the movie colony the fashion-centre of the world.

FEMININE POISE

Most of the great houses of London and Paris advocate increased feminine poise in all fashions. This, when applied to fur, sometimes becomes overdone. It is a mistake to forsake the straight and narrow way with any pelts that do not come entirely into the category of kury furs. With ermine and sable, fashion can permit of flights of fancy. Such exquisite models can only be contemplated by the really rich. We appear to have all gone over with the most surprising suddenness to the ultra-feminine cult.

In reality, the movement has been advocated for two or three seasons by our leading artists, who are themselves now somewhat overwhelmed by the uncomplicated acceptance.

It is whispered that for furs and rich fabrics a slight reaction is on foot—that certain great dress artists are insisting on straightness of cut.

WINTER HATS

The winter hats are coming more into line; eccentric shapes do not really make much headway. It is perhaps difficult for the uninitiated to realise that outé styles can only be worn by the few who can afford to have everything in expensive detail to correspond.

The whole policy of good dressing to-day is to strike the note of suitability. There are so many charming and wearable ensembles, completed by smart yet quite becoming hats, that can be chosen by women who lead average full lives and have not too much money to spend.

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REPUTATION FOR FOGS IN LONDON. — Some of the worst in experience from the point of view of its effect in delaying the morning train were reported in mail week. Above is a silhouette scene on the Thames Embankment, showing a policeman to the rescue of fog-bewildered enquirers, directing the way.—(Sport and General).



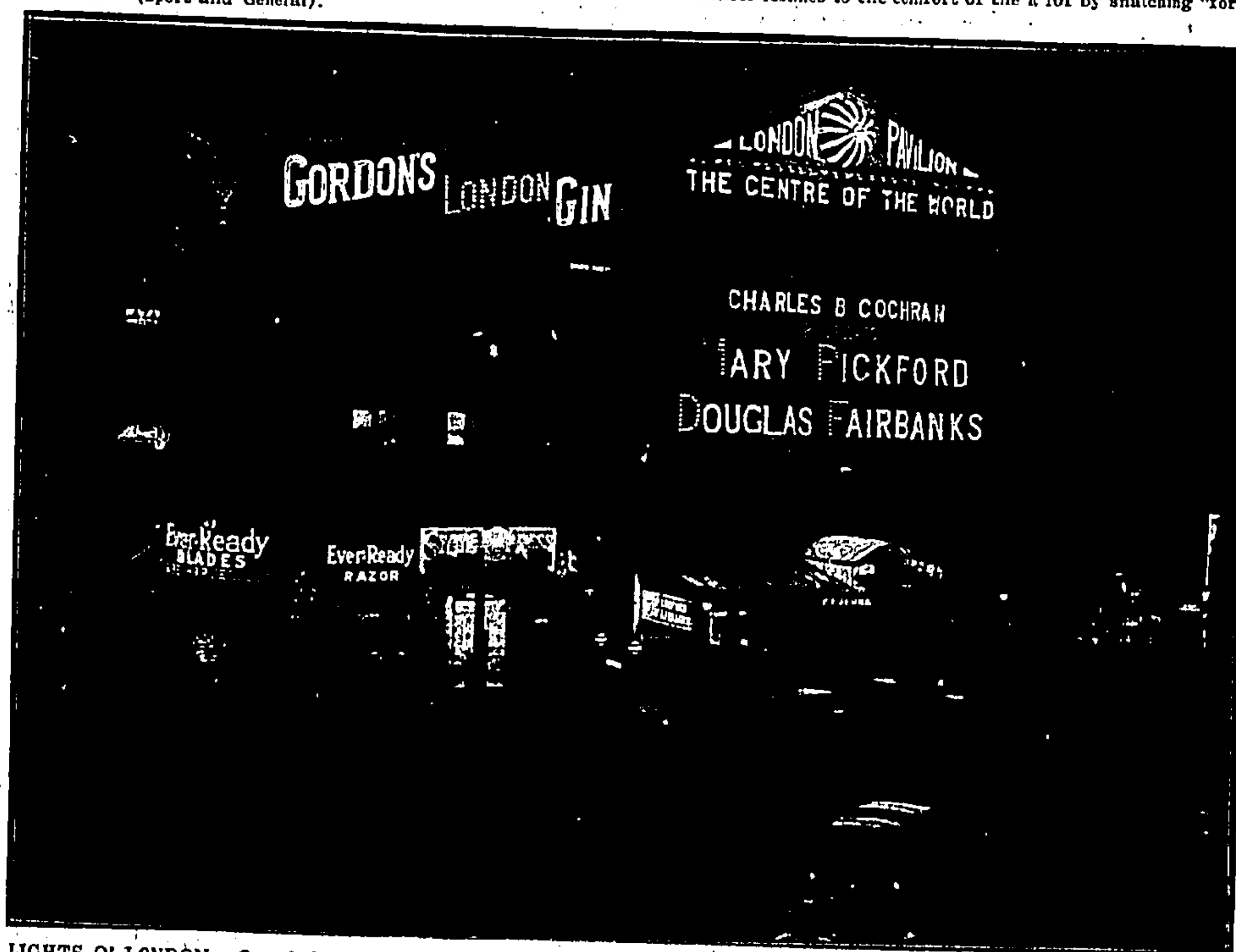
M.P.'S AGAIN DEPRIVED OF TRIP IN R 101.—Members of Parliament arrived at Cardington, Bedford, eagerly awaiting their trip in the world's largest airship, but, for the second time, owing to unsettled weather conditions, the trip had to be postponed. The M.P.'s, however, entered the airship and had lunch. And Mr. Ben Tillett testifies to the comfort of the R 101 by snatching "forty winks."—(Sport and General).



CURIOUS OLD CUSTOM.—In the residence of the Lord Mayor of London, to cure swearing and bad manners. Photo shows Mansion House servants making a "rule-breaker" pay the penalty. The panel on which the rules are carved, is seen at the back and dates back to 1753.—(Sport and General).



AVON VALLEY COURSING CLUB.—At the "Derby" and photograph of activity in the Avon Valley Oaks, with Mr. S. W. Beer's "Blackwater" and Mr. F. Wilk's "Woodlands Wilwin" well after the hare seen on extreme left. (Sport and General.)



LIGHTS O' LONDON.—One of the many sights of London is the wonderful display of lights and illuminated signs at night, which interest visitors and tourists from all parts of the world, Hong Kong not excepted. Here is a picture of Piccadilly Circus with the London Pavilion on the right.—(Sport and General).



MECHANICAL WONDERS IN THE CHRISTMAS TOY WORLD.—A pantechician was needed during 1929 to cope with the ingenious mechanical toys which were made in the Old Country, to delight youthful recipients: Picture shows the scene at a noted London toy factory; the Toy motor-cars being brought to the packing room along the conveyor. (Sport and General).

NAVAL DISARMAMENT

Result—Orders Lost To Idle Yards

BARROW'S FATE

Costly Plant And Equipment Going To Waste

FAR-REACHING EFFECTS

To appreciate the far-reaching effects of naval disarmament one must spend a few days in the districts which depend for their material prosperity on the construction of warships and naval equipment. Here, in this remote corner of Lancashire, is a great community, three-quarters of whom are economically interested, more or less directly, in the pay-roll of one local firm, Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd.

As at the Elswick works in Newcastle-on-Tyne, I have walked miles through great shipyards and workshops which, though carrying on bravely in the teeth of adverse circumstances, are hard hit by naval retrenchment, writes Hector Bywater in the "Daily Telegraph." A few facts and figures may be given to show Barrow's contribution to British sea power, and also to indicate the price which this part of England is paying in the interests of peace.

Some months before the outbreak of war the Vickers' establishments were employing 16,000 hands. During the war, when all yards and factories were working up to capacity, the firm employed 35,000 people, including approximately 10,000 women. In the post-war slump the Barrow staff declined to 5,000. Owing to recent orders from domestic and foreign sources, the number rose to 13,400 last summer. It has now dropped to 11,600, and will continue at this figure throughout the winter, but unless more naval contracts are forthcoming in the spring it will be difficult to maintain it for long.

In the summer of 1914 99 per cent. of the employees of this firm in Barrow were engaged in the construction of warships and armaments. Shortly after the war armament work dropped to zero. To-day 75 per cent. are employed on armaments and warships, and the balance on commercial work and industrial engineering. The locality has been fortunate in securing foreign orders, including submarines and a depot ship for the Chilean Navy, and an armoured gunboat for Siam.

Contracts from abroad. A truth often overlooked is that foreign naval contracts gravitate automatically towards those yards and arsenals which are kept busy by their own Governments. But for the series of magnificent cruisers, destroyers, and submarines which our yards have been turning out for the Admiralty since the war, they would probably not have booked the valuable orders for warships and naval material from abroad which have helped in recent years to tide over a difficult period. But welcome as is this foreign work, it represents only a trickle compared with the flood of per-war contracts from abroad. In 1914 our yards were building for foreign Governments four great super-dreadnoughts and several other armoured ships, as well as cruisers, destroyers, submarines, guns and armour plate.

Facts and figures such as these are striking enough, but they do not sink into the imagination until one has personally inspected the colossal plant required for the production of modern naval fighting material. Much of this plant is now inactive, and the capital invested in it yields little or no return. Still more serious is the effect on employment. The long queues of men at the Labour Exchanges in Newcastle and Barrow represent part of the price we are paying for naval disarmament. A modern cruiser of the 10,000-ton class costs about £2,000,000—a heavy bill, no doubt, but 85 per cent. of it is paid out in wages.

Evil of Uncertainty. The Vickers-Armstrong plant at Barrow has in the past three years been thoroughly reorganised and

brought up to date. Together with the great slipways on which war vessels and merchantmen are built, there are gun-mounting and gun-erection shops, steel, iron, and brass foundries and forges. It is one of the few establishments in the world where a submarine can be completely built, engine, and equipped. Ships now under construction include seven submarines, a flotilla leader, a destroyer, and a naval repair ship, all for the British Admiralty; a submarine depot ship for Chile, a gunboat for Siam, and several merchantmen. Many big liners have been built since the war, amongst them the Orient Line leviathans Orama, Otranto, Orford, and Orontes, the Cunarders Scythia, Antonia, and Carinthia, and the former Australian Government ships, Moreton Bay, Hobson's Bay, and Jervis Bay.

To everyone interested in naval affairs, Barrow is of special interest as the birthplace of the British submarine. From the slipways was launched in 1901 the first undersea boat ever built for the British Navy. Since that date the same yard has launched no fewer than 155 submarines. Among the famous warships which have glided down the ways at Barrow are the Princess Royal—one of Beatty's "Cat Squadron" battle-cruisers at Jutland—the Dreadnought Vanguard, which was destroyed during the war by a mysterious internal explosion, and the battleships Revenge, Emperor of India, and Erin, all of which were units of the Grand Fleet.

From the point of view of the great armament firms and their wage-earners the most serious factor in the present situation is not the naval disarmament movement itself but the uncertainty as to the industrial outlook which that movement entails. If anyone could predict what the naval ship-building programme is to be during the next two or three years, he would be hailed as a benefactor by many thousands of workpeople in Sheffield, Newcastle, Barrow, and Glasgow.

EMPIRE RESEARCH

Hope For Increased Results

London, Yesterday. The report of the agricultural section of the Conference of Empire Meteorologists is issued, embodying resolutions laying down lines for research throughout the Empire. The Chairman, Sir Napier Shaw, in a covering letter, draws attention to the importance of the gathering and hopes that imperial co-operation, may thereby be secured, and will be further developed with increasingly fruitful results throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

BROKERS EXPELLED

From Shanghai Stock Exchange

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is announced today that Douglas Fleming and L. A. Lewis, British brokers, has been expelled from the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Jack Behar and C. J. White have been suspected owing to defaults in the December Settlement.—Reuter.

EXTRALITY

Firm Stand Taken By France

Peking, Yesterday. Questioned as to France's attitude on Nanking's Extrality Mandate, this afternoon, Count de Maréchal stated that a Note was delivered to China yesterday protesting against the Mandate, and stating that France could not accept any unilateral determination as to the extrality status in China.—Reuter.

OLD RESIDENT'S FUNERAL

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT GRAVESIDE

MRS. B. HARKER

At the Victoria Hospital on Thursday evening, the death occurred of Mrs. Thekla Brotherton Harker, an old resident of the Colony, and who had for many years resided at The Albany.

Mrs. Harker was ill for seven weeks. Death was due to acute nephritis.

Much sympathy is felt with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, and other relatives in their bereavement.

The funeral took place yesterday evening at the Protestant Cemetery. The very Rev. Alfred Swann officiated at the graveside, and among those who went to pay their last respects to the deceased lady were: Mr. Frank Austin, as chief mourner, Messrs. Sykes, P. H. Loebe, T. M. Hazlerigg, E. Ralphs, Stuart-Smith, Konsul H. Gipperich (Consul General for Germany), J. H. Seth, Blackett, Lambell, M. and Mme. G. Cuvillier, the Misses Loureiro, Miss Oliver, M. and Mme. Leocot, Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Fielder, and others.

Many wreaths were laid on the grave from relative and friends.

RENT COMMITTEE'S THREE OBJECTS

DETECTIVES SHADOWING AT MEETINGS ALLEGED

DRAFT REGULATIONS READY

The Rent Problem Committee who are composed of a body of Chinese business men held another meeting yesterday, and the announcement was made that draft regulations had been drawn up, which will be submitted to the Government through the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council.

In the course of a long speech the Chairman announced that the Committee have three aims to fulfil: the first being the protection of aggrieved tenants; secondly, the avowed object to protect the rights of about 8,000 to 10,000 slave girls (mul tsais), and the third object was to impress upon the Government that the Rent Problem Committee is non-political.

In reference to the last object the chairman, Mr. Ho Lu, said that detectives had been shadowing at meetings held by the Committee, and news regarding Rent Problems have been time and again censored before publication in the local Chinese Press.

JAPAN AND NAVAL LIMITATION

THE ABOLITION OF SUBMARINES NOT FAVOURED

READY TO REDUCE

London, Yesterday. Mr. Wakatsuki interviewed by Reuter, reiterated in a nutshell the Japanese standpoint in connection with naval limitation, and said that Japan was ready to reduce, but an international naval equilibrium was essential. Japan was ready to prolong the age limit for capital ships. She did not favour the abolition of submarines, but the limitation of their types.

He was adamant as regards a 70 per cent. ratio of the Power having the most numerous of a bigger cruisers. Japan was not disposed to raise the question of the Singapore base. She favours the freedom of the seas, but international law in this matter is very intricate. Mr. Wakatsuki presupposes that any decisions reached in London will be immediately effective and that Japan will loyally abide by them.—Reuter.

ANTI-FASCIST PLOT

French Police Search For Suspects

Paris, Yesterday. Widespread police activity followed the arrest of the three Italian anti-Fascist intellectuals yesterday.

The police, armed with search and arrest warrants, were despatched everywhere where anti-Fascism was suspected, especially in Marseilles, Besancon, and the whole Italian frontier, but the greatest discretion was maintained.—Reuter.

[The arrest of three Italian anti-Fascist, Sardelli, an ex-Deputy, and two others, and Clansa, a prominent journalist, following the discovery of a hate campaign of high explosives at their home, dated a sensation in Paris. It is believed that the discovery will lead to the disclosure of a vast anti-Fascist plot.]

SHARON LYNN'S VOICE

BRINGS HER TO FORE IN A TALKIE

ATTRACTION AT QUEEN'S

Sharon Lynn, one of the principal players in the Fox Movietone production, "Speakasy," seemed doomed to the ravishing beauty type of role, until the advent of talking pictures gave her the first really big opportunity she ever enjoyed.

Exceptionally attractive, both in face and form, this charming actress unanimously was chosen by Hollywood directors for roles which exploited her physical attributes. With the coming of the "talkies," Miss Lynn came into her own. A natural ambition to become a stage actress had prompted her to play roles on the stage when not doing film work. After a few years of this experience, joined with a portion of ill luck in motion pictures, the youthful actress had almost decided to cast her lot behind the footlights when Fox Films signed her on a long-term contract. This led to her present role in Fox Movietone "Speakasy," the all-talking attraction at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow.

Paul Page, Lola Lane, Henry B. Walthall, Helen Ware, Marjorie Beebe, Ivan Linow, Stuart Erwin, Warren Hymer and James Guilfoyle portray the major roles in the production.

"THE SINGLE STANDARD"

Greta Garbo, who is starred in "The Single Standard," which is showing at the World Theatre as a new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature, is a native of Sweden, going to America three years ago virtually unknown. To-day she is one of the most popular stars on the screen. The new picture is her first screen appearance since her vacation in her homeland.

Miss Garbo was trained for the stage in the Royal Dramatic Academy in Stockholm and rose to stardom in films as the heroine in "The Tempestress." Her last picture was "Wild Orchids."

Nils Asther, who played opposite her in that film, again is seen with her in the picturization of the sensational Adela Rogers St. John's story which John S. Robertson directed.

"THE VIKING"

Development of colour in motion picture photography has had a long and laborious uphill climb. Almost from the very infancy of the industry, individuals have experimented in various colour processes, but until the release of "The Viking," Technicolor's production for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, showing at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day with sound synchronization, the results have been far from satisfactory.

In this picture, however, coloured photography proves itself a success. The shades and tones achieved are startlingly realistic. The colours are true to nature, flesh tints and sunshine are natural, as is the water of the ocean and land streams.

No overlapping of colour is noticeable throughout the picture, one fault which earlier efforts seemed incapable to control. Dr. Herbert T. Kalmus, president and general manager of the Technicolor Motion Picture Company, organized his company for the sole production of commercial film in colour. Associated with him are some classmates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The organization has spent a great deal of time, energy and money in perfecting their process, but that it now is perfected is amply proved by "The Viking," a production in which every natural shade is perfectly reproduced.

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The Government has accepted the following tenders:—

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Atlantic Petroleum Co. (South China), Ltd.—For the supply of Dynamite Oil and Motor Oil to the Kowloon-Canton Railway during 1930.

Kwong Hin Lung and Co.—\$1,250 for the repairs of steam-launch G.F.O. 2.

As a sequel to the Auburn prison riot, Prison Governor Jennings has requested at the request of the State Department of Correction.—Reuter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong

Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel,

4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong

Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel,

8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse

Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

January 6—St. George's Ball,

Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Jan. 10—Second annual dance

of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey

Club, at Lane, Crawford's Restau-

rant.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"The Viking."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Zander the Great."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Single Standard."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

Ladies' Night in a Turkish Bath."

Home Mail

To-day—Outward for Europe via

Siberia ("Taiko Maru"), 6 p.m.

Land Sales

January 6—At P.W.D. offices,

three lots of Crown land at Sham-

shuipo, Mong Kok Tsui and Wong

Nei Chung, respectively, 3 p.m.

Lammet's Auction

January 10—At 8, Granville

Road, (second floor) household

furniture, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—New Territories

Agricultural Show, at Shek Wu Hui

(near Sheung Shui Railway Station).

January 7—British Association

Lecture on "The Difficulty of

English" by Professor Simpson,

Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

The following programme will be

broadcast to-day from the Hong

Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W.

on 555 and 49 metres:—

1.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

7.45 p.m.—Weather Report.

9 p.m.—Programme of H.M.V.

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8.30 p.m.—Selection (Kern).

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11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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Queen's Hall Orch.

9305—La Tosca, Selection
Queen's Hall Orch.

9304—Aida, Selection
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CHILDREN SET FIRE TO PETROL DRUM

THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION AND OTHERS INJURED

PLAYING IN GOODS YARD

London, Yesterday. One child was killed and six children were injured whilst playing in North London around a petrol drum, which exploded.

London, Later. Two more children in the North London explosion have died, and three others are in a critical condition. The remaining child, who is conscious, relates that they were all playing with the barrels in a railway goods yard at Holloway, and that a fire broke out in the petrol drum.

Although Mary Walker, of New York, stated that she had been offered \$100,000 to give the dimensions of city charities.—Reuter.



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SOCIALIST THEATRE

Scheme For London Announced

A Socialist theatre is to be
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"The Masses Stage and Film Guild" has been initiated by the Independent Labour Party, and the preliminary announcement bears the signatures of four Cabinet Ministers, Mr. J. R. Clynes, Mr. G. Lansbury, Sir C. P. Trevelyan, and Mr. F. O. Roberts, as well as of well-known people in the theatre, like Miss Sybil Thorndike, Mr. Denis Neilson-Terry, Mr. Miles Mallett, and Mr. Lewis Casson. Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P., chairman, and Mr. Roberts, treasurer, and the Advisory Council contains the names of Mr. James Maxton, M.P., Captain P. P. Eckersley, Mr. J. P. Beckett, M.P., Miss Moyna McGill, Mr. Frank Horrabin, M.P., Miss Kyrie Bellew, and Mr. Harold Scott, who will act as Productions Secretary.

The first play will be the production of plays by professional casts in West End theatres on Sunday nights, and the plays will be supplemented by modern films not usually to be seen at the commercial cinemas.

The object of the Guild is to bring modern plays of democratic significance within the reach of working-class audiences. The membership subscription will be only one shilling, and half the seating accommodation will be available for members at the same price. It is hoped to build up such a big membership that the effort will become self-supporting.

The first play, to be produced early in the New Year, will be Upton Sinclair's *Singing Coalbirds*, which has not yet been seen in the country. The part of "Red" Adams, or which the whole drama depends, will be played by a well-known actor.

MARRIAGE BROKER

U.S. Judge Says It Is Against Public Policy

New York.—The trade of a "marriage broker" has been declared to be against public policy by Judge Frank Smith in an unusual case before the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia.

The plaintiff, Nathan Packerman, alleged that the defendant, Harry Schuster, had engaged him to "interest" a young man in his daughter, Miss Rose Schuster, aged twenty-one, promising him \$500 dollars (\$100) if he succeeded. Packerman averred that he performed his duties so well that an engagement was entered into between Miss Schuster and a Mr. Hyman Cohen. He then sought to call upon Schuster to pay him the promised \$500 dollars.

Marriage is understood to be the free and voluntary union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, said the judge. "It is essential that the union be a voluntary one, free from the power of influence, bought or sold, or from any other consideration."

"BOOK OF PASSION"

An Autobiographical Romance

Berlin.—Gerhardt Hauptmann's long awaited autobiographical romance, in two volumes, just published, bears the title of "The Book of Passion." It is as intriguing to the German public as was ever Goethe's "Poetry and Truth."

Hermann Sudermann, who died last year, wrote long autobiographical passages and added to them entire portions of his friends' lives in his two last books, each of which was an independent novel and entirely irrelevant to readers who had not the key to his life. But Hauptmann, in his preface, professes to be telling the story of somebody else, and for that reason only the initiated will ever guess where the truth lies—in the action itself or in the mental vision conjured up by the poet afterwards. More than once the parallel with the Goethe of "Wilhelm Meister," as well as of "Poetry and Truth," recurs. There are passages of criticism and interpolated sketches in these two volumes which mark them as the work of a mature man, looking backwards and taking old diaries and manuscripts from his drawer as he does so.

Unknown Hero

"The Passion," which runs through the life of Hauptmann—or his unknown hero—in the years between 1894 and 1904, is the decision of a man torn between his affection for his wife, the mother of his children, and the love that came later for the woman who served art only; ten years of not knowing which of the two women he cared for most, of ceaseless travel, upheaval, life lived in a winter landscape in Silesia, in furnished rooms in Berlin, on holiday in Italy. Melitta is the wife, and Anja is the girl violinist. When he has so far overcome the impulse that draws him to Anja, he settles with Melitta and the children again, sees Anja, and knows that the final parting both husband and wife are trying to avoid, will come of necessity.

Flow of Feeling

This ebb and flow of feeling that lies between the first marriage and the second is analysed and explained as the result of processes at work in the man's mind—a growth and expanding that gave him no rest during ten years of struggle. This theme, as banal as any such three-cornered fight might appear to novel readers, is ennobled by the form its presentation takes in Hauptmann's language.

TIGER ON THE STAGE

German Play On The Dreyfus Case

Berlin.—Clemenceau as the figure of a drama appeared on the Berlin stage, when "Die Affaire Dreyfus" ("The Dreyfus Case"), by Rene Kestner, a pseudonym for two young Berlin dramatists, was received with great enthusiasm at the People's Theatre, the present home in Berlin of the political play. The subject is another example of that "dramatic reporting" which is now taking hold of the German stage. This is obviously a piece for Paris: Zola is the hero, Count Esterhazy the villain, Dreyfus himself is the puppet round which intrigue, centres, there is a fine scene in the court of justice, and Jaures and other popular idols and enemies of the people play their historical parts.

There is no interference with the facts of French history, and the make-up is according to the best-known portraits. All that seems lacking is a little French fire in the very competent but still Prussian actors.

FILM GEOGRAPHY

"Swiss" Pictures Made In Alaska

Zurich.—The Swiss do not seem to appreciate being filmed. A few years ago a big film on "William Tell" was unanimously disapproved of, and last spring the "Conquest of the Matterhorn" was violently criticised. Now it is "The King of the Bernina" that brings indignation from all parts of the country. The film is based on a novel by the Swiss author, J. C. Hess, who died a few years ago, and was produced by a Hollywood studio. The right to film the story was given against the will of one of the author's daughters, who are now taking legal action. The film was made in Alaska, and bears no resemblance to local scenery or Swiss characteristics. The makers, having evidently reckoned on the ignorance of the audience.

When the film was produced at Zurich, a crowd of students demonstrated in front of the building, and finally invaded it and stopped the performance. They afterwards marched through the city singing patriotic songs.

ITALIAN ART

Total Value Of Thirteen Millions

So great has been the number of pictures submitted by British private owners to the Selection Committee of the Italian Art Exhibition at Burlington House, that the committee have found it necessary to establish an examination charge of a guinea for each picture. The proceeds of this "tax" will be handed over to the National Art Collections Fund. In view of the enormous contribution from Italy, consisting of 300 paintings, several hundred drawings, and numerous objects of art, there is really very little chance for British owners to have their pictures included in this collection of masterpieces, unless they happen to be examples of quite exceptional importance by the rarest of masters. Indeed, the British quota has been full for some time, and an exception can only be made if the picture in question happens to fill a serious gap in the representation of some particular school.

The Italian contingent was shipped on December 12 in the Leonardo da Vinci. At one time it was rumoured that Botticelli's "Primavera" would be included. Now that it is definitely known that this is not to be the case, one can only applaud a decision which refuses to submit so precious a work to the risks which, notwithstanding all precautions, must inevitably attend the transport to a different climate of so large a panel picture. The same master's "Birth of Venus," which is painted on canvas, is a thoroughly acceptable substitute.

Another picture of quite exceptional importance, about which there have been contradictory rumours, is Prince Giovanni's famous "Tempest" by Giorgione. At one time it seemed that the excessive insurance value placed upon the picture by its owner would prove a stumbling block, but it is now very probable that Prince Giovanni will contribute towards the payment of the premium on the \$500,000 for which the picture is to be insured.

It has been computed that the contents of the exhibition will represent a value of from thirteen to fifteen million pounds. Apart from the works sent from Italy and from the English Royal and other collections, pictures of unique importance will be sent from the Louvre in Paris, the Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Berlin, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, and other famous Continental and American collections.

KING GEORGE, "M.P."

Teaching First Women Members A Lesson

At the annual dinner of the Association of Consulting Engineers, Lord Darling, responding to the toast of "The High Court of Parliament," proposed by Mr. S. C. Lewis, referred to the form of the toast, which, he said, was rather unusual. The first toast had been that of a member of Parliament—he need not mention the name—but he was afraid that many people did not realise that the King was a member of Parliament.

King George never wrote "M.P." after his name; he simply put his initials as King. When he (Lord Darling) was in the House of Commons, Sir William Harcourt, who was a great constitutional lawyer, if he was no other kind of lawyer—proved that Queen Victoria was a member of Parliament. It was time that those ladies who arrogated to themselves the title of the first women members of Parliament should be taught a lesson, and it was not unfitting that they should receive it at the hands of the Association of Consulting Engineers. (Laughter.)

"ALL QUIET"

Czech General's Ban On The Book

Prague.—A Czech Army officer, General Klicek, has forbidden the soldiers of his division to read Erich Maria Remarque's war book "All Quiet on the Western Front." One understands that stout efforts are being made to exclude it from all the army libraries. It is interesting to note that the Czech Ministry of Defence, Dr. Vlasakovsky, is in the favour of the book being banned. He says: "I am not officially in the position to make any statement about General Klicek's action. From a literary standpoint, Remarque's book is a highly original work which fully deserves all the public attention it has received. But it is a controversial question whether this book, which was born of the atmosphere of a defeated people and filled with the spirit of defeatism, is to be read by the Czech Army for some years to come, and whether it is to be read by the Czech people."

"JOURNEY'S END"

Mr. Sherriff And The Charge Of Plagiarism

Those responsible for the production in London of Mr. R. C. Sherriff's popular war play, "Journey's End," have not been officially informed that a suit has been filed in the United States alleging plagiarism. On the other hand, they are not surprised by the rumour, which reached England recently, that Miss Katherine Burke Sherman, an American, has filed a suit claiming \$40,000 against Mr. Sherriff, Mr. Gilbert Miller, and Mr. Maurice Browne (the producers), and Brentano's Incorporated (the American publishers). Mr. Sherriff has already denied all knowledge of a play entitled "Flags and Flowers," written by Miss Sherman, or that he knows of the author.

In the Sunday "Observer" the history of the writing of "Journey's End" was given, as well as a number of extracts from the author's war-diary, written when he was lying wounded in St. Thomas's Hospital.

About two months ago a pamphlet circulated by Miss Sherman reached London, one of those concerned in the production said. "It had been given away to people waiting in New York queues to gain admission to a theatre where 'Journey's End' was being staged. Mr. Sherriff saw the pamphlet and declared that he knew nothing about the allegations."

Peace Propaganda

"Journey's End" is the great event in the theatre world in Oslo. The drama is presented by the National Theatre, and nothing has been left undone to make the presentation as realistic as possible.

The National Theatre has invited leading politicians, scientists, and military officials to give their impression of the play. Dr. Nansen says:—

"The drama is brilliant; it conveys a deep impression of the real nature of war, and every living man should see it. It is the best peace propaganda thinkable. When one knows that the next war will be many times worse than the recent one, it is incomprehensible that people do not shrink away from the idea of starting war again. If a new war is let loose nobody knows what the end will be. War should be extinguished before it extinguishes us."

POLAR LANDLORDS

Norwegian Claims To Empty Lands

In a speech at Bergen in mid week, M. Mowinkel, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, dealt with Norwegian policy in regard to Polar regions.

He said that Norway had constantly maintained that territory which had not been occupied de facto by any nation should be considered no man's land, the Norwegian Government had dissociated itself from the theory of the so-called sectors in Arctic and Antarctic waters. As illustrating Norwegian policy, M. Mowinkel mentioned the recent occupation by Norway of Jan Mayen Island, in Polar waters, an island which might become important.

The Norwegian standpoint also applied to Franz Josef's Land, where Norway considered that her citizens were entitled to carry on hunting and fishing hitherto, unhindered by any foreign nation (The Soviet says claims to Franz Josef's Land).

In the Antarctic region rival claims of Great Britain and Norway to Bouvet Island recently ended in the British Government acknowledging Norwegian sovereignty.

UP TO THE MOON

Rocket To Go Fifty Miles High

Berlin.—Science surrounds the final preparations for Professor Oberth's experimental rocket flight, by which it is hoped that a projectile weighing about one and a half hundredweight will attain a height of fifty miles within a minute of its leaving the earth. The experiment was first postponed, but both the time and place are now withheld from the public as danger is feared to onlookers. The original launch, near Grottoval, has been changed to the small resort of Horst. But the first rocket will be launched from a place from a hill more secluded than Oberth's. The latest intention of Professor Oberth is to send up a projectile weighing only four feet long, which he hopes to do in the course of a week, leaving the big one for some months to come. The big one, but a few weeks ago, was the book's tendency.

HAGUE CONFERENCE

Agreement On Young Plan

The Hague, Yesterday. M. Jaspard, the Belgian Premier, presided over the half-hour plenary session at the second Hague Conference, and urged no waste of time. Thereafter the Conference began their task in private. Mr. Philip Snowden and M. Tardieu cordially conferred and stated that they completely agreed on the suggested solutions regarding the application of the Young Plan, also the procedure to be adopted by the conference.—Reuter.

LUBRICATION

Modern Improvements At Olympia

In noting the design and specification of some of the new cars exhibited at the Olympia Show held recently in London, one realises (writes a correspondent) that another step has been made towards the liberation of the owner-driver. Car maintenance has been cut down to the minimum, and safety has been particularly studied. The two most troublesome things in the maintenance of a car have been the cleaning and lubrication. For some years past, designers have been tackling both these problems, and now we are already reaping the fruits of their efforts.

Body finishes and simplicity of line make for ease of cleaning, while chromium plating has come into its own. When this new form of plating first came into existence, it met with a good deal of opposition, and its critics derived a good deal of support from the fact that at first it was little understood, and badly carried out. Now, however, all these difficulties have been surmounted, and the system represents a great boon to the owner-driver, as it supplies him with a smart looking car, which is at the same time very easily kept smart. Lubrication problems were chiefly concerned with the chassis.

In the old days, the motoring enthusiast was quite happy when he was covered with grease and oil after he had performed the arduous task of lubricating every part of his car. In many of the 1930 models, the whole thing is either done in a second, by pressing of a foot on a plunger, or else by suitably grouped nipples at a central point. In addition, an increasing number of chassis have adopted rubber spring-shackles, which require no lubrication and are practically everlasting. There is no doubt that the modern car represents far less work for the owner-driver and very much greater value for money than ever before.

CAR PROPULSION

Rocket Car Inventor's Latest Invention

Cologne.—Herr Max Valier, the German inventor who was the originator of the "Rocket" car and aeroplane idea, has made further trials at Duisburg with his "Rak 5," a car driven by what may be termed repul action, set up by the explosion of compressed carbonic acid gas conveyed in metal containers.

The "Rak 5" consists of a low-built wood chassis on which are mounted four metal gas containers. Pipes connected with these containers end in the recoil chamber. A lever arrangement, operated by the driver's foot, controls the stream of gas. The "Rak 5" was towed by an ordinary car until a speed of thirty miles per hour was reached, and then uncoupled. Herr Valier then "carried on" with his stream of gas power, reaching speeds from fifty to sixty miles per hour over a considerable length of road.

NEW STAR

A wire from one of this bureau's alert New York correspondents says that Gaius Waleka, the flame of operatic aspirations, returns to Hollywood soon. A local Manhattan group is anxious for her to visit Hollywood and stay long enough to make an all colour picture of her recent Paris play, "Countess Castiglione." Madame Waleka's husband is millionaire McCormick. He has seen her through "Lucia" and other garish classics—and this in spite of critical staid casting. So he may be concerned with her flicker debut. If this be so, then we ought to make the most of it. But how?

WIRE TO WALKER

Mr. Walker, the Mayor of New York, has been elected to the office of Mayor of New York City. He was elected by a large majority, and his victory was a significant one. He will take office on January 1, 1930.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/7 3/4
Bank, on demand	1/7 7/16
Bank, 30 days' sight	
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/7 5/8
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 3/4
Documentary 4 months' sight	1/8 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	1002 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1077 1/2
On Berlin—	
On demand	
On New York—	
On demand	35 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	41 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	108
On demand	108
On Calcutta—	
Wire	108
On demand	108
On Singapore—	
On demand	70
On Manila—	
On demand	79
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand	80
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	11.71
Silver (per oz.)	21 5/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	
Kong	3% prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	8% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1/4% prem.

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.95
New York	487.9/16
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.13 1/2
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Milan	33.20
Berlin	20.43 1/2
Stockholm	18.135
Copenhagen	18.20 1/2
Oslo	18.20 1/2
Vienna	34.68
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	194 1/2
Madrid	36.05 1/2
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	875
Bucharest	813
Rio	5 13/32
Buenos Aires	45 1/2
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Shanghai	2/0
Hong Kong	1/7 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 5/32
Silver Spot & Forward	21 5/16

CHURCH NOTICES

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HONG KONG.

January 5, 1930.
2nd Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m.
Evening, 6 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Klop.

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Subject: "God."
The Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock.
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 8.30 o'clock.
Reading Room at above address open:
Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Monday and Thursday 5.30 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room.

DEEPENING DELAWARE RIVER

The Federal Government is expected soon to begin the deepening of the Delaware River between Trenton and Philadelphia. The proposed work is a \$450,000 job for the construction of marine terminals. The appropriation made available by Congress for this purpose was \$225,000. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Sport Columns

OLD D.B.S. BOYS

Excel In Sports In England

The following are a few interesting facts about R. A. Gerrard who, from 1922 to early in 1927, was at the Diocesan Boys' School, where he learned his cricket.

Played for Somerset against Gloucester in the Rugby County Championship Match on November 9.

The Public Schools' Putting the Weight Champion for 1929, having won this last April at Stamford Bridge.

Played in all the Somerset County Cricket matches last year, including the match "Public School-boys of Somerset" vs "Somerset Stragglers."

Top of the School's batting averages for 1928 and 1929.

Represented the School in the Water Polo team that won the Somerset Junior Water Polo Championship.

School Colours for "Rugger" and Cricket. School Prefect. House Captain and represented the School at shooting and first class shot (qualified). Scored two centuries for School last Summer.

Press Comment

The following is an extract from a Home Paper with reference to the Gloucestershire v. Somersetshire "Rugger" Match in November.

"In Gerrard, the Taunton School-boy, Somerset has a young player who would go far. Only once in each half did he get the ball when there was any possible chance of his doing anything, and on both occasions he went through in excellent style. He has been in England for about two years, having come over from Hong Kong, where his people resided. Although only 17 years of age, he has fine physique, and touched the scale at 13 stone 7lb. His mother is now at Yeovil, so one hopes Somerset will be fortunate enough to retain his services for a long time to come."

Other Boys

Three other boys who left the Diocesan Boys' School about the same time are also doing very well in England. A. B. Clarke gained excellent results at School in Work and Games (Cricket, Football and Shooting) and is now at Sandhurst.

E. L. G. Goddard has passed examinations and gained Distinctions in Mathematics and Physics. A. E. Dawson, after a few years at Wakefield Grammar School, gained an Open Music Scholarship at Keeble College, Oxford.

Two sons of Mr. Wong Kam-luk are boarders at Leighton Park School, Reading. Wong Sik-kuen was Senior Champion of Sports and Games in 1928-1929, and Wong Sik-hon was Junior Champion. Both these boys were particularly good at football and gymnastics when they were at the Diocesan Boys' School.

CRICKET

Some of the Teams for To-day

The K.C.C. team against the Army, in to-day's League match on the Kowloon ground, is as follows:—W. Brace (Captain), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, F. E. Lawrence, N. H. Ross, G. A. V. Hall, F. Zimmermann, L. Lee, D. Loh and S. J. J. Umpire, J. P. Robinson; scorer, A. Hyde-Lay.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against the C.S.C.C. to-day:—1st XI. Away (F)—T. E. Pearce (Captain), H. V. Parker, J. R. Hinton, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, F. Sillitoe, G. A. L. Rickett and A. C. Beck. 2nd XI. Home (L)—W. W. MacKenzie (Captain), G. E. R. Divett, R. K. Hepburn, C. E. Gahagan, J. Ashworth, S. S. C. Stanesby, J. R. Way, W. Harris-Walker, R. M. Wood, R. A. Dowler, T. R. MacDonald.

FANLING HOUNDS

Fixture List for This Month

The following is the fixture list of the Fanling Hounds for the month of January:—

Sunday, January 5, Hounds meet at Kennels, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 8, Meet at Hunters' Arms, 3.30 p.m.

Saturday, January 11, Meet at Kwanti raccourse, 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15, Meet at Sheung Shui Cross Roads, 3.45 p.m.

Saturday, January 18, Meet at Potts' Bungalow, 3.45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22, Meet at Man Uk Pin (three and a half miles from Fanling Station) on the Fanling—Sha Tau Kok Road) 3 p.m.

Saturday, January 25, Meet at Hunters' Arms, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, Meet at Fanling Station, 3.30 p.m.

RUGBY

Players in To-day's Match

The Club are playing H.M.S. "Cornwall" to-day at 4.15 p.m. at Happy Valley. The Club side is as under: Back, R. J. Grieve; Three-quarters, G. A. L. Sumner, G. P. Lammer, H. V. Parker, J. L. Bonnar, I. A. Ross; Forwards, D. L. Milne Day, A. D. Suttill, F. R. Massey, J. A. E. Kendrew, B. L. Stock. Referee, Major Caddell.

HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven in their match with the Army on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday:—C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, H. Owen Hughes, J. Rodger, A. A. Dand (Captain), J. E. Noronha, T. J. Price, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, E. J. R. Mitchell and D. M. McDougal.

The second team, to meet the University on the latter's ground at 5 p.m. on Monday, will be:—R. W. Sapsed, L. A. R. Duncan, L. F. Nicholson (captain), M. D. H. G. Mills, O. Butler, A. V. Parker, I. G. Frost, R. K. Valentine and E. C. Fincher. Referee—N. Evans.

MR. FORD'S POLICY

Everything High Except Wages

It was recently announced that Henry Ford, the motor-car magnate, had increased the daily wage of all American employees in the Ford Motor Company workshops from \$6 to \$7 a day while other advances were given to employees receiving from \$7 to \$10 a day.

In this connection the following message from New York (dated November 22) will be read with interest:—

Henry Ford stirred the country with a dramatic announcement that he would immediately raise the wages of more than 100,000 workers on his pay-roll, after a conference with President Hoover recently.

The announcement took America's industrial magnates almost completely by surprise.

The automobile king said:—

"Nearly everything in this country is altogether too high-priced, whereas the only thing that should be high-priced is the man who works. Wages must not come down; they must not even stay at their present level; they must go up, and, even then, that would not be sufficient."

"We must see that the increased wages are not taken from our people by means of increased values."

"Bolshevism and Socialism"

Arthur Brisbane, one of the most widely read editorial writers in the country, commenting on Ford's announcement, says:—

"If all this is not rank Bolshevism and Socialism, what on earth would you call it?"

PARLIAMENT OR PILSUDSKI?

THE COMING FIGHT IN POLAND

"ALL-TOO-HUMAN" DICTATOR

Warsaw.—The coming conflict between the Polish Government and the Polish Parliament promises serious consequences for the nation. The last phase of the fight is between two personalities: Marshal Pilsudski, former Socialist, and the Parliamentary Socialist leader, Daszynski. Will there be a minor repitition of the stirring days of May, 1926, when Pilsudski rode to power, or will the conflict be resolved by some kind of muddled compromise? Is a dictatorship likely to be established by Pilsudski?

The answer to this question is to be found somewhere in the puzzling personality of Marshal Pilsudski himself, who holds the key to the whole situation. He is a fanatical Nationalist, but he is not made of the stuff of dictators. He lacks the logical realism of a Lenin, nor should he be confused with Mussolini, who wears the divine right of dictators like a Roman toga. The arrogance and self-confidence of the Italian dictator is lacking in Pilsudski.

Pilsudski is really a warrior of soft heart and hard words. When he insults the deputies, and his own people, whom he once called "a lot of idiots," his words and manner remind one of a crusty commanding officer shouting at subordinate officers or privates. He regards himself as a general in command of an army, and thinks that the Sejm should obey him. He fought for years for a freedom which he is not prepared to give the freedom of Parliamentary presentation and government by Parliament.

Pilsudski's attitude is that of the general who loathes interfering bureaucrats. Although he was one of the first among the early fighters for Socialism he has now transcended those early aims. The freedom of the whole Polish nation, whether aristocrat, industrialist, burgher, peasant or factory worker, is his aim now. But while Pilsudski was quite clear about his aims and tactics, especially the latter, in the days when he was engaged in fighting Czarist Russia and united national action was possible, he is not quite sure of himself now that the enemy is to be found among his own countrymen. For twenty years he was one of the most intimate friends of the old, white-haired Daszynski, the man who now stands firmly opposed to him in principle.

Pilsudski has been called a "Hamlet" nature, a "human, all-too-human" figure. In May, 1926, he refused to assume full personal power. He did not establish a dictatorship as so many men in his shoes would have done. Although an enemy of the Parliamentary system, he believed that his people wanted it. Therefore he let the Sejm meet. But there is no doubt that his fight against the autocracy and absolutism of Russia had made him somewhat suspicious of creating a Polish Parliament to function, he wanted it to work according to his own plans, that is, for the whole good of all the people, and not as a party forum.

Pilsudski must have believed that the vision could be turned into action, and for three years he has watched impatiently the working of a system which he despises. But without a Parliament, Poland must have a dictatorship. Will this come in the near future?

GOOD DEFINITION

Dr. F. J. Waldo, the Southwark coroner, was told by a Royal Marine that in the Navy a man who had been drinking was not classed as being drunk provided that he could do properly any duty that was put before him.

"A very good standard," observed the coroner, who said there were so many definitions of drunkenness. He added that he would like to see a definite standard settled upon in the courts of law.

OPIUM SMUGGLERS IN LONDON

CHINESE CHARGED IN LIMEHOUSE GANG

DRUG BROUGHT FROM CHINA

London.—The existence of a secret headquarters in London of wealthy opium smugglers has long been known to the police, and there has been great activity through the discovery in Limehouse in the East-end of London—of an opium den. Two Chinese, Man Fat and You Ah-hing—who were represented by a Chinese solicitor—were as a result charged with possessing articles for opium smoking and frequenting a house at Limehouse-causway for the purpose of opium smoking, and were each sent to prison for two months on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently, and they were also recommended for deportation. The "Daily Express" gives the following full story of the raid:—

Detective Arthur Lount, of Scotland Yard, told the story of the raid. "At 3.30 p.m. yesterday," he said, "with other detectives I went to the house at Limehouse-causway, which I entered by virtue of a search warrant."

Door Forced

"I entered through the outer doorway, and on the foot of the stairs leading to the next floor I found an electric bell concealed under the linoleum."

The magistrate:—Placed so that it would be pressed by the foot? Detective Lount:—Yes.

He added:—

I went to the next floor, where I found a stout black door, which I forced.

On the landing leading to the next stairs I found another stout black door. It was made of planks and battens of a total thickness of about six inches. I forced that with considerable difficulty. I found further progress was barred by a stout trap-door completely covering the staircase. It was firmly bolted. I heard a considerable shuffling of feet on the floor above and some shouting. I eventually entered by climbing up a sloping roof outside, and then into a window. I found on the landing a ladder leading to an open trap-door in the roof.

Two rooms were full of opium fumes. In the large room were two iron bedsteads converted into couches with mats and wooden pillows, and on a small table there was a lamp used for heating opium. There were also two needles, two pairs of scissors, one knife, all used for preparing opium. There were also two pieces of wire used for cleaning pipes.

There was one couch in the second room.

Fat said, "when cautioned at Limehouse Police Station, 'Me no smoke.' Hing said, 'Me there but no smoke. Me see friends.'"

Detective Randall said that he saw Fat on the roof of the house.

Roof Chase

"I climbed on the roof," added the detective, "by means of a ladder. Fat jumped on some out-houses. I followed and arrested him."

Detective Fairbairn said that he saw Hing climb from the roof of the house to the roof of the next house. Later, he saw him leave the door of another house in the Causeway. He arrested him in the street.

At the Bottom of a Bucket

Two other Chinese, Dan Chee and Loo Sow, alias Chay Tai, were also later brought before the same magistrate, Mr. Sharpe, states the "Daily News," and were charged with unlawfully being in possession of raw opium. The following is the story in detail:—

Detective-Inspector Edwards said he went with other officers to a

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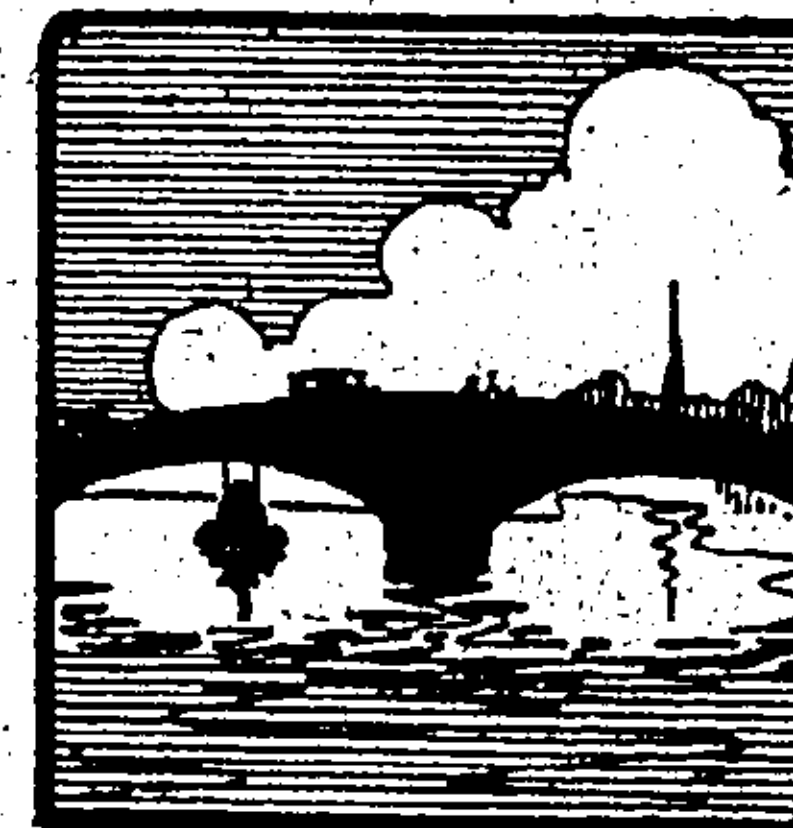
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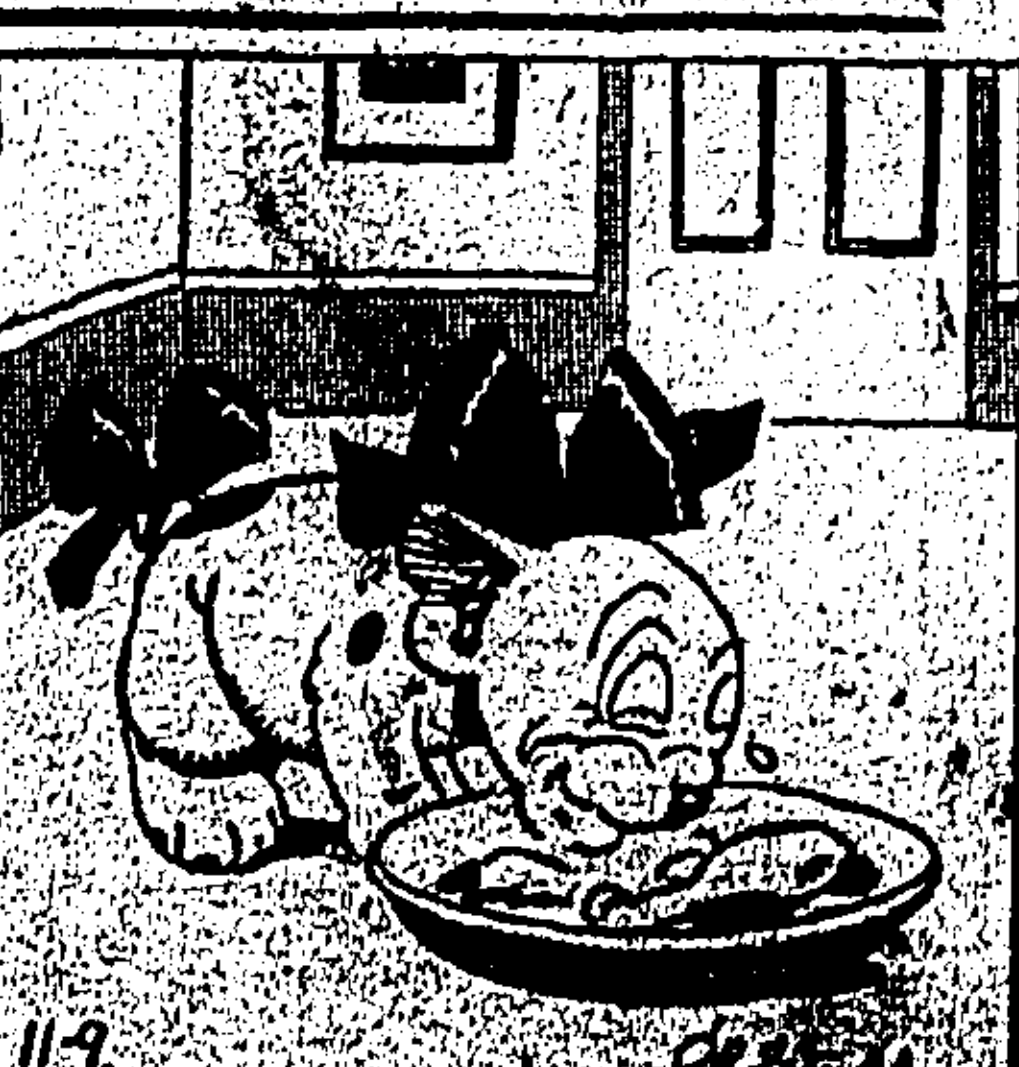
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World News In Pictures

Britain's New Envoy



Appointment of Sir Ronald Lindsay as British Ambassador to the United States was recently announced in London. Sir Ronald was formerly Ambassador to Turkey and Germany and has served as under Secretary of State in the Foreign Office.

Acting Foreign Minister



Herr Curtius, Foreign Minister of Germany, who, according to semi-official reports, recently conferred with President Hindenburg concerning the work of the organization committees operating under the Owen D. Young plan. Curtius took over the duties of Foreign Minister following the death of Dr. Gustav Stresemann.

Ohio's New Senator



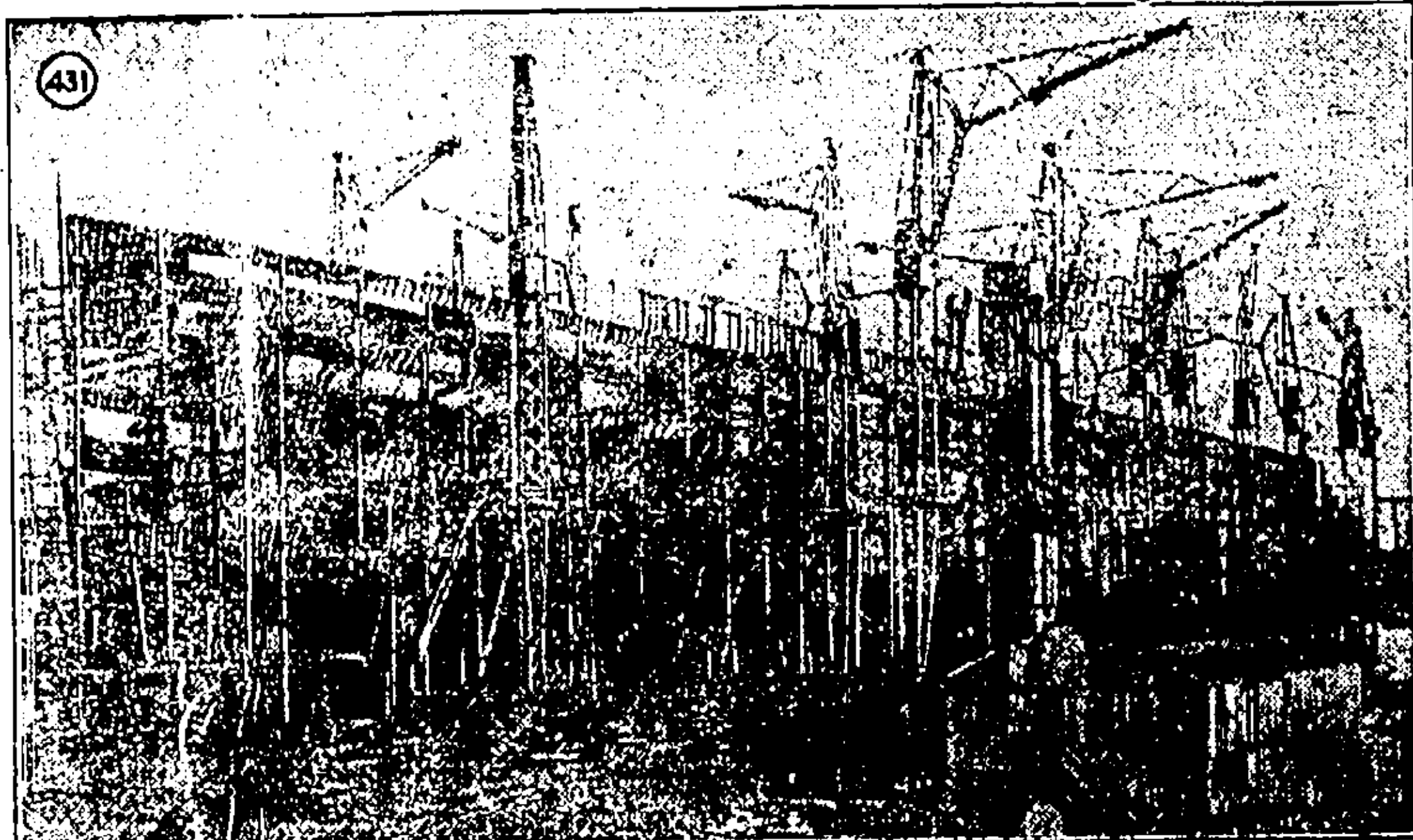
Roscoe C. McCulloch, of Canton, Ohio, who has been appointed by Governor M. Y. Copple to fill the vacancy in the Senate left by the death of Senator Theodore E. Burton.

Sporting Peeress



Eleanor Lady Trenchard, who is known as the "Sporting Peeress" of Britain. When any of her horses are entered in the big race meetings, you may be sure to find Lady Trenchard on the field. Her racing "know-how" has gained her a reputation as a sporting peeress.

A FLOATING MASTERPIECE



Five famous British artists are contributing to the decorative scheme of the new Canadian Pacific 42,000-ton liner "Empress of Britain" now being built on the Clyde. Frank Brangwyn, R.A., is designing the dining saloon; Sir John Lavery, R.A., the Ball Room; Edmund Duke, the Smoking Room; W. Heath Robinson, the Cocktail Bar; and Sir Charles Allom, the First Class Lounge. The "Empress of Britain" will be one of the world's largest ships and will ply the St. Lawrence River route between Southampton and Quebec. She will be the largest ship between Europe and Canada. Her speed is still a mystery but will probably be around 26 knots, enabling her to make the trip in five days. She is due to be launched early next summer and will be in service in 1931. Cut shows vessel in advanced stage of construction.

Winter No Bar to Golf In Canada



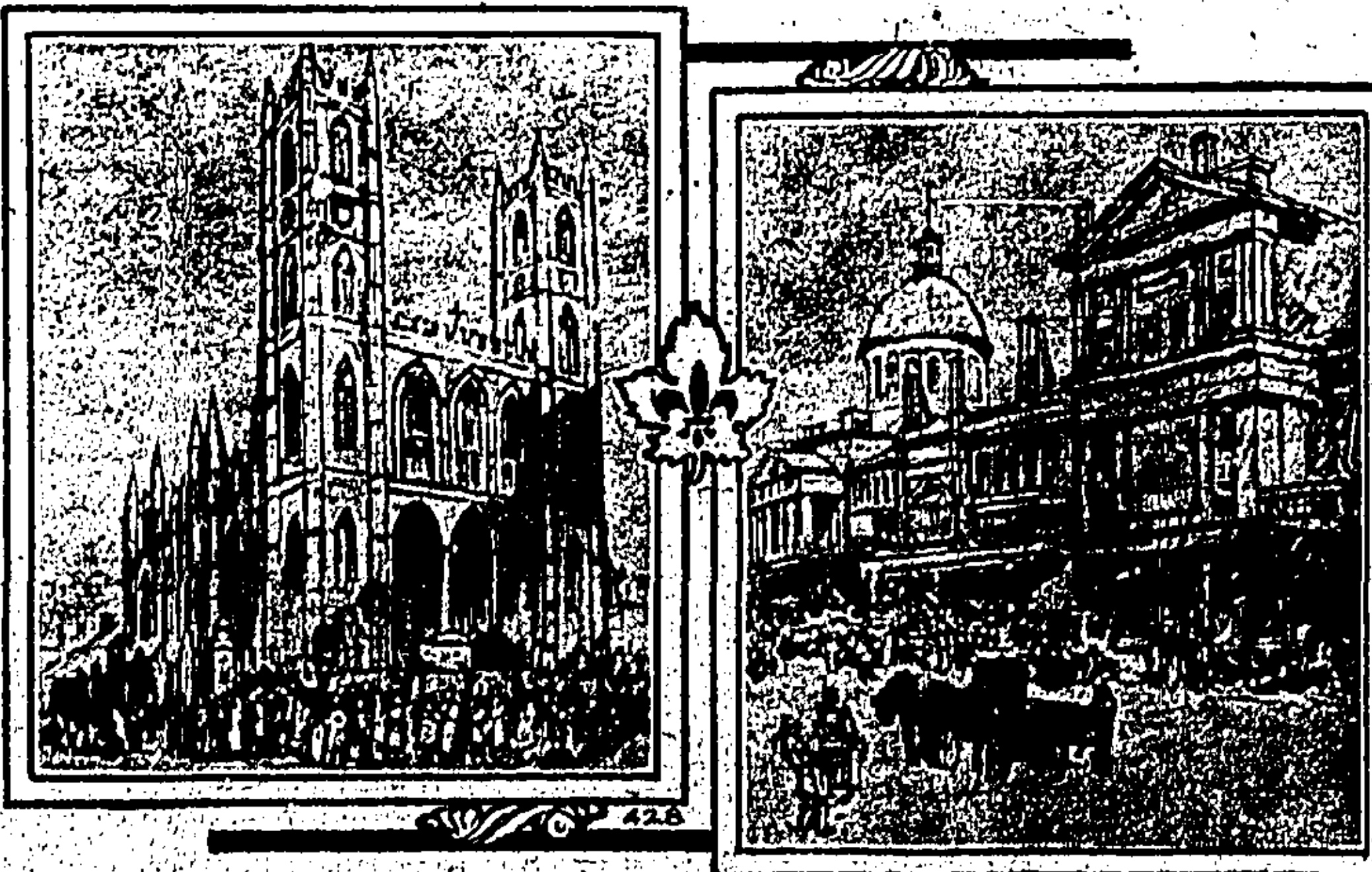
Photograph taken February 28, 1929, of the course on which the contest is played, with gallery watching players. Lower left—Trotting off—player wearing light clothes shows midland of climate in February at Victoria. Lower right—J. W. Beatty Challenge Cup with miniature reproductions of the cup for the winners in men and women competitions.

The process of snatching the laurels from the brows of California is going right on in Canada. "Our Lady of the Snows" is belying her name in the mild climate of Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Announcement has been made recently that the second annual Empress Hotel mid-winter golf tournament at the Clowood course, Victoria, will be held from February 17 to 23 inclusive, a time when the country north of the 49th parallel is popularly supposed to be feet deep in snow. Photographs included in above lay-out will show this popular belief to be a fallacy as far as the Victoria course is concerned.

The mid-winter tournament was placed in the Canadian sport calendar last February under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway and proved a great success. The Victoria fixture is a purely amateur affair, handicap, of course, open to men and women, competing in their own sections. The main trophy is the E. W. Beatty challenge cup, at present held by T. L. Swan and Mrs. Hew Paterson, of Victoria, although a large list of other prizes is being posted. The competition is open to all Victoria clubs and also to any visitors in that city, and in view of the size of the entry list all links in the vicinity of the city will be pressed into service.

Montreal with Pen and Pencil



One of the oldest, most picturesque and historic cities on this continent—the city of Montreal—has found a worthy biography in the work of Victor Morin, and the well-known Canadian Academician Charles W. Simpson, who have between them produced, under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a description in words and drawings bearing the above title. Written originally in French it has been rendered into English in a translation that conserves the original verve and atmosphere of the book. In forty pages of clear and readable type with fifteen full-page reproductions of pictures that are in themselves works of art, the story of the city is told for the past three hundred years. Lay-out shows two contrasted and typical scenes: the famous church of Notre-Dame, second largest on the continent; and Bonsecours market, which is a reproduction of a city of Normandy.

Rushed By 'Plane



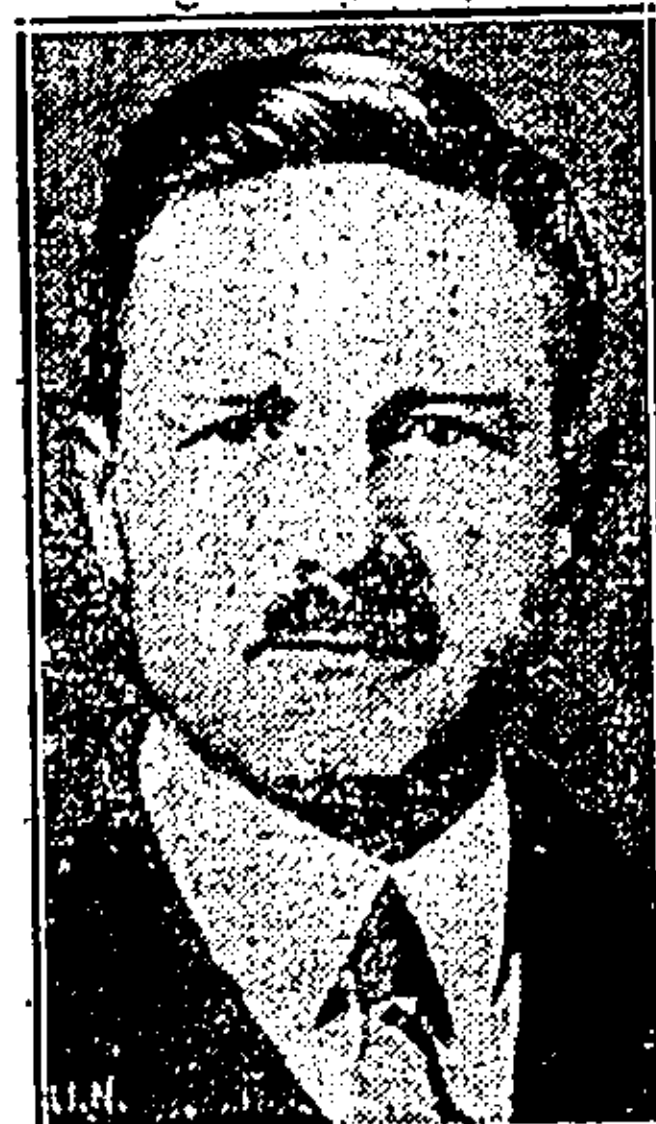
General Horacio Vasquez was rushed from Santa Domingo to the United States by airplane following the discovery that his life depended on an immediate surgical operation. He is President of the Island Republic.

Oldest Yale Graduate



Edward P. Bradstreet, Sr., of Cincinnati, who will be 100 years old next June, and who is said to be the oldest graduate of Yale University.

Prohibition Enforcement



G. A. Youngquist, Minnesota's Attorney General, has been selected by President Hoover as the United States Attorney General in charge of Prohibition Enforcement to succeed Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt.

Ambassador's Daughter



Princess Elizabeth De Ligne, daughter of the Belgian Ambassador to the United States, with her pet terrier, "Mac," which she has entered in the dog and cat show.

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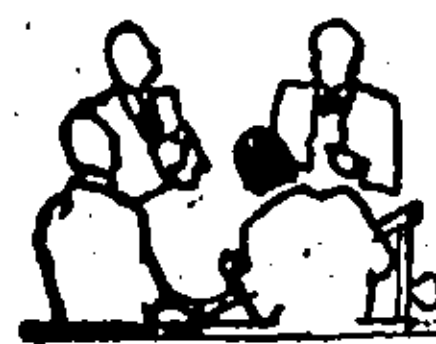
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SEA

On July 18 last a fisherman off Alexandria, Egypt, named Mohamed Ahmed Hayan, found floating in the sea a bottle containing a message from the Queensland members of the contingent on their way to the Arrow Park Jamboree. This had been thrown overboard from the Baradine nine days previously. In a letter that has been received by Queensland Scout headquarters, the fisherman says: "I have made all my efforts to know the secret of this letter, but in vain, and I inquired about somebody to explain it to me. The famous public triter and translator of Alex, who are called Ibrahim Khalil Ibrahim, has translated the matter for me, with the exception of some words which were unseen for being rubbed by a little drop of the sea water. The origin letter has been handed to the secretary of Alex city police, who promised to post it to you. Would you kindly issue us of your award of any medals for us." This quaint document was accompanied by the address to which the "medals" should be forwarded.



THE MARBLE IN THE KETTLE

Often one sees a marble placed in a kettle, and it is put there for a very good reason. The water we boil in a kettle is never pure water, but contains many things. It contains salts, which are apt to be deposited in the kettle as the water boils away. It also contains acids, which are able to act on the iron of the kettle and turn it into salts of iron, which also falls to the bottom; besides this, they are actually made by the water from the inside of the bottom of the kettle. We suppose, then, that people have noticed that, if they put a marble in the kettle it collects these salts and prevents these things from settling inside the kettle, thus keeping the inside of the utensil smooth.

The "Old Scout's" Column.

The visit of the Chief Scout (Lord Baden-Powell) to Australia was discussed recently at the annual conference of the Federal Council of the Boy Scouts' Association of Australia, which was held at the Burt Memorial Hall, and preliminary arrangements for the visit were made. The chairman of the West Australian executive of the association (Sir Thomas Combe) presided. Delight was expressed with the announcement that the visit had been decided on, and delegates stated that the movement would derive inspiration and encouragement from contact with Lord Baden-Powell.

The present arrangement was, it was announced, that he would arrive in Sydney via America early in April, spend a week in each State, and leave Fremantle on the return journey in the first week in June. It was decided to cable to Imperial headquarters asking that the visit be advanced a month to minimise the risk of bad weather interfering with the tour. A resolution was carried that committee, consisting of one delegate from each State, together with the Federal chairman (Mr. H. D. Luxton, Lord Mayor of Melbourne) and Sir Kelsie King, ex-chairman, be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the tour.

As Lady Baden-Powell, chief of the Girl Guide movement, would accompany her husband, it was decided to ask the Girl Guides' Association to appoint delegates to the committee. Owing to the Chief Scout's advanced age and state of health, the functions would, it was stated, be restricted in each State to a monster rally of scouts and guides, a social gathering at which he would meet scout officers, and a public function at which he would be able to address leading citizens. A suggestion that he be asked to meet a gathering of all the scout commissioners of Australia at a function in Canberra was passed on to the committee. It was decided to ask each State to appoint a commissioner to meet the visitors at the border of the State, and accompany them while they were in it.

Considerable time was spent in discussion of alterations to the constitution of the association to bring it up to date. Conference affirmed the desirability of appointing a Federal Commissioner when an opportunity offered, to provide, amongst other things, a closer link with Imperial headquarters. The introduction of the group system of Rover crews, troops and packs when the necessary degree of efficiency had been obtained, was recommended to the States. It was decided that at future Federal conferences the expenses of all delegates should be divided equally amongst all the States, whether they were represented or not.

The Guides of the world have a great affection for the Wayfarers of South Africa, who have come into being among the non-white people of the Union. The girls are called Way-

farers and the boys Pathfinders, and they are developing side by side with the scouts and guides, with similar ideals and similar activities. Incorporation with the guides and scouts is impossible at present, as the colour prejudice is so strong, but that is no bar to the very friendly co-operation which already exists. There are actually certain "Hakon" officers who are charged with the task of fostering this co-operation. As it is, the Wayfarers and Pathfinders are developing unhindered along the lines suited to their racial characteristics. It has been suggested that they may some day become incorporated with the Scouts.

The "Old Scout" announces with sincere regret the death of Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, a member of the Scouts' Council, which occurred at his residence, Mountain View, The Peak, on New Year's evening.

Mr. Burnett had been on the Council for many years, and had done much for the Movement. His advice had been frequently sought and cheerfully bestowed on matters relating to the progress of Scouting and Guiding in the Colony. The Old Scout's duty is made much the sadder in having also to announce the death of Mrs. Burnett which occurred on the same evening. Mrs. Burnett, though not actively associated with the Movement, was keenly interested in the doings of the Scouts and Guides, and helped her husband immeasurably.

porated in a world federation of such movements. Both the Chief Scout and Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell are keenly interested. The Wayfarers wear a uniform similar to that of the guides, except that it is brown, like their brown skins and the parched brown of their native veld.

Sir John Simon, the Attorney General, when opening a new training centre for Scouts, near Oxford, recently, said: "Scouting and Guiding are a mighty contribution towards the development of the new generation, a movement in which there is no class distinction, and which has the support of every man and woman of good will." Guiding has been taken up not only in the British Empire, but in practically every country in the world. This must bring about a spirit of world friendship, and who knows but that in the future Guid-

THE CHIEF'S MEMENTOES

The famous koodoo horn with which "B.P." awoke the world's first Boy Scouts on Brownsea Island, in 1907, and which is now used to arouse the scoutmasters of many nations in their training camp at Gilwell Park, near Chingford, heralded the 21st birthday of the movement during the jamboree at Arrow Park. This koodoo horn, belonging to a species of antelope which ranges from South Africa to Abyssinia, once belonged to a Matabele chief, whom Sir Robert Baden-Powell met when he was commanding a flying column in the Matabele campaign. The horn first came to light on a raid when Sir Robert and his column were puzzled by the way news of alarm spread among the Matabeles with great rapidity. One day it became known that a horn with wonderful carrying powers was the instrument by which the warning was spread. A little while after Sir Robert and the Matabele chief met. What conversation ensued is not reported, but the Matabele chief went off, leaving Sir Robert with a staff and the koodoo horn, which has since played such a prominent part in the life of the Scout movement.

The Mafeking Flag

Another interesting memento of B.P.'s early experiences figured at Arrow Park. When H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught performed the opening ceremony from the vast jamboree grand stand which has been specially erected on the rally ground, the flag, which flew over Mafeking during its siege in the South African War in 1899-1900, was hoisted on the main flag-staff. The same flag heralded the birth of the scout movement, when it was born on Brownsea Island, as it flew aloft in the world's first scout camp above B.P. and his embryonic troop of 21 boys.

ing may help to keep the peace of the world. As the movement grows, as it certainly will, in all countries the high ideals fostering friendship and mutual understanding must trend towards peace and the brotherhood of nations. Older girls willing to be trained as captains, and Brown Owls, are needed, and an appeal is made for them to come forward and offer their services, for, as some one once remarked, "Guiding is such a good game, as well as being a character builder." This appeal holds good in Hong Kong. We need many older girls to come forward to interest themselves in the Cubs.

PLUCK AND STAMINA

From Kangra in the Punjab, which forms a valley between spurs of the Himalayas comes a story of pluck, stamina, determination, and self-reliance on the part of an Indian Boy Scout. A Dogra lad, a Rajput, and therefore a descendant of Kings, although his nation are now the hewers of wood and drawers of rickshaws, a pupil at the Hamirpur Government High School was selected recently as one of the fifty-five representatives of the Boy Scouts of the Punjab to attend the World Jamboree at Arrow Park, Birkenhead. The scout in question, Ragbir Singh, had no money with which to pay his train fare from Hamirpur, 95 miles away, to Simla, where the Punjab contingent were to meet. Nothing daunted, this Indian Scout packed his requirements for many months' absence from his home and for the journey to unknown England beyond the seas; then, shouldering his bundle, he set off in the blazing heat of India and across almost trackless mountains to cover the distance on foot; a feat which he succeeded in doing in three days' journey. Young Ragbir Singh, from whose village, by the way, Lance-Malk Lalla, who won one of the most splendid V.C.'s of the war, also came—had never left his native village before except to go a very few miles, and his plucky exploit and real scout spirit has gained for the Boy Scout movement in India many new friends.

HOW OIL MAKES A ROUGH SEA CALM

The explanation of this lies in one of the contrasts between oil and water, which we can readily observe for ourselves, even when we have a small quantity of the two liquids in a couple of bottles. If we shake the bottle of oil we notice how slow its movements are, and how difficult it is to make it splash. It is what we call a viscous liquid. Water moves much more easily, and we call it a mobile—that is, movable—liquid. Oil calms troubled waters because it is viscous. But it is very difficult to understand what it is that makes one liquid viscous and another mobile. Partly it has something to do with the size of the molecules of the liquid. In the case of oil the molecules are very large.

COOKING A LA SCOUT

Some of the Brisbane Scouts who "sat" for the recent examination for the cook's badge had weird ideas of what ingredients should be used. At the camp fire they managed very well, but when asked to put down their ideas on paper they suffered from "nerves," and made (in theory) some strange concoctions. For example, one scout included in his materials for 1½ lb. damper eight teaspoonsful of cream of tartar and four of baking soda! Another gave as the time for cooking a damper of the size three minutes, and his formula for testing when it was cooked was, "Put your ear to it, and if it makes a sizzling sound it is not cooked." One enterprising caterer included his specimen menu with "two tins of laxatives"—perhaps on the ground that "at moments like these you need—"

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"How is it that Britain takes such a great interest in Chinese affairs?" a Chinese writer asked a few days ago. "The answer is simple enough," he adds. "John Bull has vast investments in China, being the premier concessionaire in the Treaty ports. As an exporting country Britain has a good market in the Flowery Kingdom."

Which bears out our argument that it is the duty of Britons in Hong Kong continually to place the facts before the people at Home, whether they be in trade or any other walk in life.

At a time of such deep concern—and with "extrality" as one of the principal topics on the cables between London and China—one would do well to send a correct and informative version of developments out here.

As has been proved on so many occasions, the easiest way to do it is by sending the "Overland China Mail," which enjoys the distinction of being the only weekly news budget in Hong Kong that carries pictures.

The New Year is, perhaps, the opportunity to make a beginning towards maintaining an intelligence service with connections at Home. Give it a try by relying on the "Overland China Mail." It can be sent as a whole newspaper via Suez, or detailed extracts can be cut out and sent as a letter via Siberia.

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THE DUSSELDORF MYSTERY

MORE THAN ONE MANIAC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES SERIES OF MURDERS

The series of murders and murderous assaults committed during last year in the neighbourhood of Dusseldorf has for many weeks engaged the attention of the most experienced criminal experts in Germany. The crimes are of the kind practised by Hartmann, the Hanover murderer executed in 1925 after killing 24 persons; by Angerstein, also executed that year after confessing to eight murders, and Grossmann, Decker, and other abnormal criminals. They are of the type which is the simplest to commit and the most difficult to elucidate, for they depend only upon the fortuitous encounter. In a lonely spot, of two persons hitherto unacquainted, one of whom is animated by motives of animal ferocity.

The usual lines of investigation into motives of material gain or revenge are closed. The pursuers can only cast about at random until chance, or the stupidity of the culprit, puts them on the right trail. The difficulties are aggravated in this case by the character and position of Dusseldorf. This pleasant and thriving Rhine-land city is within easy reach of a dozen great industrial centres, whose inhabitants resort to Dusseldorf for recreation, and whose labourers flock to it for employment.

The murderer may be one of Dusseldorf's half a million inhabitants; the city, the tenth in Germany in respect of population, was second to the capital last year in the number of capital crimes committed within its bounds. On the other hand, he may well be, like some of his victims, an occasional visitor coming to Dusseldorf by a cheap train from Essen, Barmen, Dortmund, or one of the other industrial cities in the group. The crimes may be the work of one or of several persons; all that is definitely known at present, on unquestionable evidences supplied by the same hand.

Series of Crimes

It is difficult to be certain when the series began and how many of the crimes belong to it. In February, a six-year-old boy and an unemployed man were stabbed to death in lonely spots. The police incline to attribute these crimes to a mental deficient now in an asylum. This theory rests on the man's confession, but his mental condition prevents his unqualified acceptance. In April there were several violent assaults on solitary pedestrians. In July a woman was murdered near Dusseldorf station. In August further murderous attacks followed, and on the 28th two children were stabbed to death at Flehe, a southern suburb. On September 30 a woman was bludgeoned in the Rhine Meadows, on the west and at the request of the Dusseldorf police detectives from Berlin, led by the head of the Murder Commission, Herr Gennat, took up the inquiries. On October 12 a woman was battered to death in Flitzberg, an eastern suburb, and six days later another woman was attacked on the same piece of waste land. She died of her injuries. After giving some description of the assailant, a man

Four women, three children, and a man were, therefore, known to have been killed by one or several hands between February and October, and at the beginning of November the police were still vainly seeking a clue. Actually they had had in their possession for some weeks a letter from a murderer, giving information of a capital crime then unsuspected and incidentally affording valuable indications concerning his, or her, person. In August a woman named Maria Hahn had disappeared; on October 13 her murderer sent to the police a sketch showing the place of burial of her body. He did not mention her name, however; but inscribed his sketch-map "The murderer near Pappendell," which is an estate a mile to the east of the city. No great importance was attached to this document, which was one among hundreds of communications, anonymous and signed, received by the police. Some inquiries were made, but the spot marked as the burial place of a corpse seems not to have been visited.

Murderer's Sketch-Map

The significance of this letter was first realised nearly a month later. On November 7 a five-year-old child, Gertrud Albertmann, disappeared. On November 8 a Communist newspaper in Dusseldorf received a duplicate of the sketch-map of October 13, to which a postscript had been added saying: "The body of the missing Gertrud Albertmann is by the Haniel Wall." On November 9 the body was found by the wall of Messrs. Haniel and Lueg's engineering works, not far from the Zoological Gardens. It was found at 10.40 a.m. According to the police, no one was present at its discovery, but themselves "A 41-year-old man, who refused to give his name, telephoned to a Dusseldorf paper with the news. The nearest telephone to the scene of the discovery is stated to be nearly a mile away.

Attention was now attracted to the "Murder near Pappendell" mentioned in both sketch-maps. The disappearance in August of Maria Hahn was recalled. Renewed inquiries disclosed that a woman's hat, a handbag, and a bunch of keys had been found by a farmer near the place shown on the maps soon after the date of her disappearance. The keys were identified by the woman's former employers. The spot marked with a cross on the maps was at length identified, and on November 16 the woman's body, buried at a depth of 5 ft. or 6 ft. in heavy soil, was found.

The position of the body was precisely given by the murderer, not only in the sketch-map but in a doggerel rhyme which was written beneath it. This said that it lay "at the spot shown by a cross, a spot where no weeds grow; there marked by a stone, lies the body five feet deep. There was, in fact, a stone, but the place of burial was some little distance from it, and many hours of digging were needed before the first traces of the crime were brought to light. It is calculated that a strong man used to farm and field work must have worked undisturbed for many hours to dig so deep a grave. That is a possible indication of his physique and his calling.

Sense of Immunity

The sketch-map of October 13, and to a lesser degree the one of November 8, seem to have contained much valuable information. The murderer, in fact, seems to have been carried away by his sense of immunity and to have done his best to put his head in the noose. He had left no clue, but he supplied several in these missives. For one thing, he misapprehended Gertrud Albertmann. This would seem to be a point which, in the event of an arrest, might be of importance. A similar case of misapprehension played a large part in an English case "some years ago." The culprit in the present case, however, has, and his mistakes pointed to him by a number of newspapers, and if he were caught and examined, he would presumably be capable of spelling Gertrud correctly.

The paper on which the first sketch-map was drawn also proved to be more informative than at first seemed likely. It had been taken for a scrap of packing paper, but on expert examination was found to be waste printing paper which had passed through a rotary press. The press had left marks upon it which enabled the inquiries to be narrowed down to three types of machines. It was hoped that a process of elimination would lead to the identification of the actual press through which it had passed, but although hundreds of machines have been examined no certain result has yet been reached.

The mass of potentially promising material, however, lacks the connecting thread which an arrest alone can supply. So far inquiries along these lines have led to no result, and the only clue of any promise now seems to be the statement of certain private persons that they saw Maria Hahn, a few hours before the presumed time of her murder, in a country inn, a resort of excursionists about a mile from the spot where her body was found. A labourer employed at the inn is said to have disappeared on the following day, and this man is the main object of the present inquiries.

From a Home writer:—At a party a little girl asked me if I knew how monkey-nuts grew. I had to confess my ignorance, but I suggested that they probably grew on trees. I was surprised to learn that they grow underground, the plants being similar to our potatoes.

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Stock	Closing Quota- tions 4 p.m. Friday, 3rd.	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. on amount quoted based on last year's dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid
Banks												
H.K. & Shanghai Banking Corp. (London)	\$1,315 & \$1,310 sa	+ \$5.00	7 %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$20,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$3,897,812	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 25% Int. div. of 25% at 1/11% = \$31.15 per share for 1929	Aug. 6, 1929.
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	\$18 1/4 nominal		6 %	\$3,000,000	600,000	\$5	\$5	\$4,000,000	\$186,656	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20% free 1/11% Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c. 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. A. & B. Co.	\$18 1/4 nominal			\$1,800,000	60,000	\$25	\$12 1/2	\$1,450,000	\$163,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 16% less 1/11% Interim of 8% a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$95 buyers		8 1/2 %	\$10,000,000	12 1/2 100,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000	\$401,749	31.12.28	Dividend of 4% for 1928 and bonus \$2 making 4% for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929
Marine Insurance Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$695 buyers			\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$210,000 \$1,041,235 \$1,631,770 \$2,381,561	\$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of 1928 making 4% for 1927. Int. of 18% for 1928	May 23, 1929
Union Ins. S'ity of C'lon, Ltd.	\$367 buyers			\$2,000,000	21 1/2 200,000	\$10	\$4	\$20,500 \$203,125 \$2,314,231 \$212,219 \$300,000 \$247,350 \$150,000	\$254,179	31.12.28	Final of 1928 for 1927. Interim of 24% a/c. 1929	May 24, 1929
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		7 %	\$2,500,000	15 1/2 250,000	\$10	\$10				Dividend 3 1/2% for 1928	June 28, 1929
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2.05 & \$2/205 sa	— \$0.10		\$5,000,000	2 1/2 500,000	\$10	\$3	\$152,592 \$4,224	\$37,463	31.12.28	none	
Fire Insurance												
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$315 buyers	+ \$5.00		\$2,000,000	80,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$750,763 \$1,000,000 \$750,763 \$1,000,000 \$750,763 \$1,000,000 \$750,763	\$907,811	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$8 for 1927 and Interim \$3 for 1928	May 24, 1929
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$815 buyers			\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,799,238 \$512,071 \$100,000	\$675,329	31.12.28	\$43 for 1927	Mar. 26, 1929
Shipping												
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$25 1/4 nominal			\$1,000,000	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$124,428 \$190,074	Nil	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 22, 1928
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$27 1/4 nominal		8 1/2 %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$12,212 \$343,281 \$438,261	\$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of \$1 for 1928	Feb. 19, 1929
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	\$43 sellers \$70 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	1 1/2 120,000 1 1/2 120,000	\$5 \$5	\$5 \$5	\$20,000 \$20,000 \$244,477 \$280,178 \$127,917	\$15,113	31.12.28	Div. of 13% at ex. 3/0% = \$5.34 a/c. 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 80% at ex. 2/0% = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 19, 1929 May 24, 1928
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$72 sellers		5 %	\$1,000,000	2 1/2 100,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$100,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus 1 1/2% making 3 1/2% for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929
Refineries												
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$1 buyers			\$2,000,000	80,000	\$25	\$25				(In Liquidation)	
Malayan Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$27 nominal			\$2,000,000	14,000	\$30	\$30	\$244,000	Nil	31.12.28	P. 3 a/c. 1928	April 11, 1929
Oil and Mining												
Kallian Mining Administration	55/- nominal	— 2/6	7 1/2 %	\$2,000,000	25 1/2 2,000,000	\$1	\$1		\$307,488	30.6.29	Final of 1928 free 1/11% (Coupon No. 35) making 4% for year ending 30.6.29	Dec. 19, 1929
Maatschappij Tot, &c., Combined	Tls. 13.60 n.			Tls. 1,825,000	250,000	Glds. 10		Tls. 158,166	Cr. Tls. 45,998	31.10.28	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27	April 5, 1928
Do. Langkat-Sing	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	600,000	Tls. 5			Dr. Tls. 498,218	31.12.28	T. 75 cts. for 1928	Feb. 15, 1927
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 5 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5		Tls. 550,000	Cr. Tls. 16,091	31.12.28	Div. for 1928/1929 - 2/64 Interim of 1/64 a/c. 1929/1930	Dec. 12, 1929
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$11 1/4 buyers	+ \$1.50	13 1/2 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000 \$10,000	\$7,321	31.8.29	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Reading
Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	97/10 nominal		5 1/2 %	\$48,000,000	17 1/2 300,000 11 1/2 10,000,000 9 1/2 30,000,000	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$8,354,165	\$287,604	31.12.28	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1929 (Coupon No. 55)	Reading
Docks, Wharves & Godowns												
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$145 b. \$147 s. \$146 7/8 sa.	+ \$1.00	5 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.28	Div. \$6 and bonus \$2 making 8% for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	\$32 1/2 sellers			\$10,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000	\$121,581	31.12.28	Final div. of \$2 making 4% for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 102 buyers	— T. 1.60	7 1/2 %	Tls. 2,785,000	4 1/2 55,700	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,350,000 Tls. 850,000	Tls. 185,762	30.4.29	Dividend of Tls. 7 1/2% for the year ending 30.4.29	July 27, 1929.
New Engineering & Shipb'ldg Wks., Ltd.	Tls. 7 1/2 nominal Tls. 4.75 buyers	+ T. 0.50	5 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	20 1/2 500,000 20 1/2 500,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 5 Tls. 5	Tls. 600,000 Tls. 745,012 Tls. 200,000	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928 Div. % on Preference shares	Mar. 15, 1929
Shai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 190 nominal		5 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	26 1/2 40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 686,383 Tls. 120,415 Tls. 450,000 Tls. 600,000 Tls. 675,000	Tls. 17,826	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 8 a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929
Lands, Hotels & Buildings												
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$12 b. & sa.			\$10,000,000	8 1/2 1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,349	\$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.50 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1928
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$65 1/2 b. \$66 sa.		6 1/2 %	\$6,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$50,000	\$985,978	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 44 Int. div. of \$2 for 1929	Aug. 2, 1929
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14 1/4 sellers	+ \$0.30	7 %	\$1,500,000	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$450,000 \$450,000 \$22,683	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making 11 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929
Shai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 161 nominal		5 1/2 %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,034,010 Tls. 500,000	Tls. 602,308	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 8 a/c. 1929	July 31, 1929
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$9.10 sellers \$8.90/9.10 sales	+ \$0.10	7 %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,087	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 30 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 12, 1929.
Cotton Mills												
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	\$16.70 buyers \$16.70/16 1/2 sa.	+ T. 0.25	3 1/2 %	Tls. 5,000,000	15 1/2 1,000,000 10 1/2 10,000	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 5 Tls. 100	Tls. 2,000,000 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 204,768 Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 480,000 Tls. 800,000 Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 4,980	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 0.50 Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c. 1929	Aug. 23, 1929
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) Tls. 82 b. (New) Tls. 54 n.		6 1/2 %	Tls. 4,000,000	80,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,000,000 Tls. 480,000	Tls. 228,325	31.10.29	Div. of Tls. 2 1/4 for Old, Tls. 1 1/4 for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 29 Jan. 1930	Nov. 25, 1929
Zong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 10 1/4 buyers		6 1/2 %	Tls. 2,000,000	12 1/2 200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 250,000 Tls. 300,000 Tls. 40,000	Tls. 10,304	30.6.29	Tl. 0.50 for year ending 30 June, 1929	Oct. 11, 1929
Miscellaneous												
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$19.60 buyers \$19 1/2/19.80 sales		3 1/2 %	\$4,000,000	800,000	\$5	all	\$55,710	\$77,965	30.3.29	Final 45 cts. making 70 cts. for year ending 30.3.29	Dec. 23, 1929.
China Prov. L. & M. Co., Ltd.	\$5.65 sellers			\$3,000,000	22 1/2 600,000	\$5	all	\$685,608	\$68,040	31.12.28	Fin. div. of 80 cts. on Old, 77 cts. on Bonus and 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 27, 1928
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd.	\$21 1/4 buyers	+ \$0.50	6 %	\$1,500,000	200,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$50,000 \$50,000 \$110,000	\$25,286	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 for 1928	Mar. 4, 1929
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. (Comb.)	\$14.00 b. \$15 sa.			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000	\$9,902	31.12.28	Div. of 80 cts. on Old shares and 10.50 cts. on New shares for 1928	Mar. 17, 1928
Do. (Old)	\$10 1/2 buyers	+ \$0.20		\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000			Div. of \$2.50 on Old and \$1.35 New shares for year ended 31.12.28	Mar. 22, 1929
Do. (New)	\$3 1/4 buyers			\$3,000,000	400,000	\$7 1/2	\$7 1/2	\$400,000			Fin. div. of 85 cts. on Old \$3.25 on Bonus, 18 cts. on New shares for year ending 31.12.24	Feb. 23, 1928
Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$68 1/2 b. \$69 sa.	— \$0.25	5 1/2 %	\$6,000,000	14 1/2 600,000	\$10	\$10	\$3,500,000	\$97,181	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$1.40 Interim of 54 cents a/c. 1929	Aug. 27, 1929
Hong Kong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$8.30 sales			\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$10,000	\$101,736	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 10% Interim of 54 cents a/c. 1929	June 7, 1929
Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd.	\$19.20 b. \$19 1/4 s.		7 1/2 %	\$8,250,000	650,000	\$5	\$5	\$100,000	\$345,729	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 10% Interim of 54 cents a/c. 1929	June 7, 1929
Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	\$11 1/4 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000	\$18,815	30.4.29	10% for year ended 30.4.29	
Do. (New)	\$6.05 nominal			\$750,000	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$150,000				
Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.	\$23 buyers		7 %	\$350,000	5 1/2 50,000	\$7	\$7	\$45,000 \$45,000 \$44,425	\$6,221	31.12.28	Div. of \$1.25 and bonus 25 cents per share a/c. 1928	Jan. 31, 1929
Watson (A. S.) & Co., Ltd.												
William Powell, Limited	\$11 1/4 sellers	+ \$0.10	7 %	\$1,200,000	120,000	\$10	\$10	\$600,000	\$63,044	31.12.28	Div. 80 cts. for year ended	

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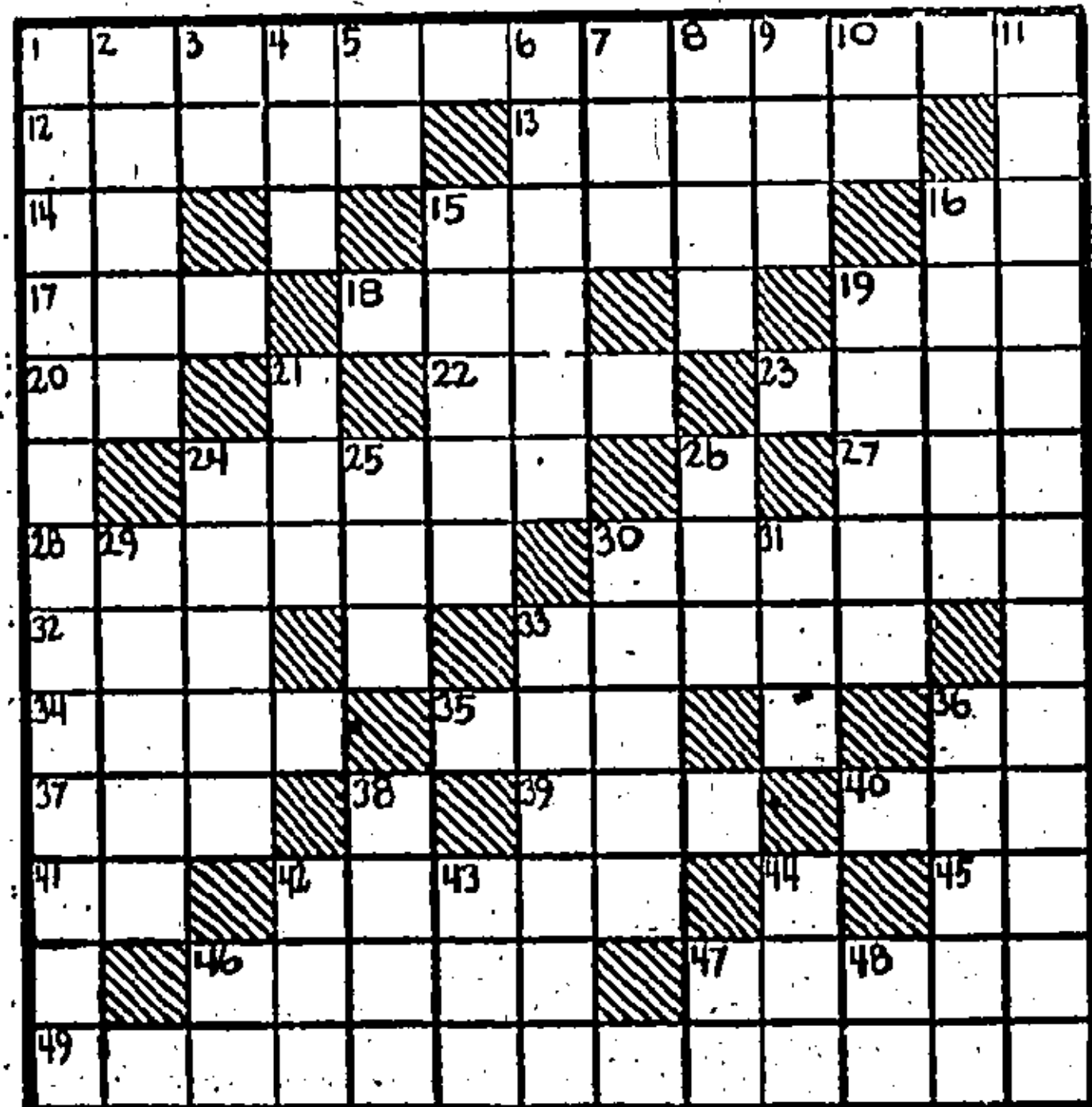
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-State of being
12-An opening in the
13-An unusual pleas-
14-Egypt (abbr.)
15-Fabric made from
16-Bill-book (abbr.)
17-Anarchistic
18-The low of a cow
19-Exceedingly
20-A title of respect
21-Poisonous snake
22-A whirling sound
23-Garden implement
24-Bow
25-Turntable
26-A constellation
27-Measures of weight
28-Part of the ear
29-The upper lip
30-Musical note
31-Period of time | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
32-Railroad Station
40-Obtain
41-N. Central State
42-A long-necked
43-Small State in U.S.
44-Longest river in
45-A game of pitch
46-A convenience
VERTICAL
1-The temperature
2-Anxious
3-Northern territory
4-A unit
5-Court House (abbr.)
6-Being at rest
7-A vase
8-Overlooked
9-Feminine name
10-And (French) | VERTICAL (Cont.)
11-The act of subordi-
12-nating
13-Burdens
14-Non-metallic
15-almost
16-A blouse
17-Mimic
18-Dried leaves used
19-as a medicine
20-Metric land measure
21-Pre- by
22-To store away
23-Purge
24-Midshipman (abbr.)
25-Island of Malay
26-Combining form
27-Iron
28-Neat
29-To utter the note of
30-Part of body
31-Pondic
32-Letter of credit
33-Child's name for
34-father
35-Professing |
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SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 1. Start with the words in which you feel reasonably sure.
 2. Then work on the words which are connected with them.
 3. If you are stuck, look at the words which are connected with the ones you are sure of.
 4. If you are still stuck, look at the words which are connected with the ones you are sure of.
 5. If you are still stuck, look at the words which are connected with the ones you are sure of.

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

CAT LORE

A Dip Into Feline History

["The Modern Cat: Her Mind and Manners," by Georgina Slickland Gates, P.L.D.; The Macmillan & Co., 8/6 net.]

Every one must have noticed that though the Bible mentions quite a large number of animals from the donkey to the whale, from the snake to the eagle—there is no mention of the cat. Was Noah acquainted with it? or did it ever go into the Ark? Strange, too, that the Greeks seem to have had no word for it except the coined one, *ailouros*, which means a "tail-wagger," and might have been any animal from a squirrel to a jerboa.

These facts at all events seem to show that the animal and the psychology which has grown up round it did not loom large in the ancient Hebrew or Greek mind as it does to-day. Volumes upon volumes have been written on the cat all of which study and literature the ancients lost through not being acquainted with this interesting animal. And to think that this was possibly all due to the absence of "the old maid" from the ancient world—for, is there any evidence that there was ever an old maid among either the Hebrews or the Greeks?

The cat is in many respects the most interesting of all our domestic animals. It differs from almost all the other domestic animals in two respects. (a) Its ancestors were not gregarious. (b) It is nocturnal.

The cow, the horse, the dog, and the sheep are all belonging to gregarious groups and go about in droves. This in one sense means that they will take to domestication much more easily than animals which are solitary—in fact they are by their very gregariousness half domesticated already. Any person who has tried to tame birds will have noticed how much more easy it is to tame birds of the finch, parrot, or starling class which go about in flocks, than birds like hawks, and eagles, which are solitary and carnivorous.

Then in addition to being solitary and carnivorous the cat is nocturnal. We might almost say that it is the only nocturnal animal which has been domesticated.

And in fact this is one of the reasons why it is really not a domestic animal at all. True, it occupies the house, but it has no manners. It takes the most comfortable chair in the room; it monopolises the best place in front of the fire; it steals the food off the table; it goes out at night when it should be watching at home; and it produces progeny quite regardless of the proprieties or the purity of the line of descent. For this reason it can hardly be said to have any distinct species. The animal is just the domestic cat, though out of politeness we may call our neighbour's cat a Persian, a Siamese, a Manx or what not—as the case may be.

There is possibly another reason for the lack of specific variety—the recentness of initial domestication. Most of the other domestic animals seem to have been tamed by neolithic man; the earliest we hear of the cat is in Egypt 500 B.C. or thereabouts. No doubt the chatoyancy of the eyes did it, with their look of inscrutable wisdom. The owl had the same attraction in Athens where no higher compliment could be paid to her patron goddess than to call her "owl-eyed."

The present volume is a study in psychology, and is full of interest. Everyone ought to read the chapter on the "Experimental Method." A careful study of it would knock the bottom out of three-quarters of the "absolutely true" cat stories—and indeed we might add, of a similar proportion of the "fish" stories and the "authentic" psychic ones. We have probably all done our best to add to the list of such stories. But we do not all believe in them with equal fervour.

The present reviewer remembers well when at a dinner table the guests were telling of the wonders of cat intelligence he gave an "absolutely authentic" account of

the old household cat which always devoutly closed its eyes at family prayers. Immediately someone at the opposite side of the table capped this story by saying that his cat used to take up "the Eastward position!" I maintained that this was not a proof of the cat's piety but of its descent from Egypt where it had been imbued, with sun-worship, the cat being sacred to the Egyptian sun-god Ra. Indeed, the whole question of the "Eastward position" may be traced back to this interesting relic of Egyptian cults in our midst.

There are very interesting psychological problems bound up with the cat. The cat apparently has no sense of colours and cannot distinguish any colours or tones. Does this account for her uninteresting "mew" and her crepuscular habits? White cats with blue eyes are always deaf. Does this apply only to the male sex, or is it a phenomenon of both sexes? Is there any deep-rooted connection between sex and coat-colour in cats? Are orange cats always Toms? Are black cats better ratters than any others? and if so, why? Are they much more tasty as food than cats of any other colour? Chinese people prefer the taste of black cats to that of any other colour: at some Chinese have assured me that they could distinguish the flavour of a black cat. Can any of our beef connoisseurs distinguish the beef of black and red cattle?

There are a hundred other interesting problems—but this review is already long enough.

No doubt when the cat is properly studied our doctors will find that just as the rat, the louse and the flea have added their quota of disease to the human family so the cat is also probably responsible for its share. Some of the diseases which were unknown to palaeolithic and neolithic man but which trouble us so much to-day may have been added by this last effort of apotheosis and domestication in the animal kingdom.

STORY OF CHINA

Life By The Soochow Waters

["By Soochow Waters," by Louise Jordan Milne; Hodder and Stoughton, 7/6.]

The married life of Cardine Dempster and Wung Pi definitely proved that not every white and yellow marriage is a failure. They were always happy and on the death of Wung Pi, Wung Cardine as she called herself became a recluse, mourning the loss of her husband in the true and sincere Chinese manner. She lived at Soochow in a magnificent house surrounded by every luxury. Across the river lives another woman also English, an authoress, whose married life was far from being successful. When her husband died, the income from the sale of her books enabled her to live quietly in Soochow—another recluse.

As a consequence of the arrival of Margaret Rivers, a relative of both women, they meet to discuss her future but Margaret, herself, decides that she will live with them alternately. This arrangement is carried out to the disgust of both Wung Caroline and Mrs. Clarke. Caroline has a great Chinese friend Man Ling, an educated, rich, and partially Westernised member of an old family. He meets Margaret, and, as she appears lovely shows her around the old city of Soochow. The pet name by which Man Ling is known to Caroline is "Spellbinder" the name of a very beautiful but rare flower which grows only in the neighbourhood of Soochow.

Naturally, as a result of continual companionship the young pair appear to the Europeans in the Concession to be more than friends, and this possible state of affairs is pointed out to Mrs. Clarke and Caroline. They decide to prevent any possibility of a marriage and begin to expand their social engagements. Their efforts are unavailing since Margaret and Man Ling become engaged. At the last moment Margaret informs her cousins that the engagement is over but gives no reason.

Such is the gist of Miss Milne's latest addition to her books on China and it is a valuable addition. She has described Soochow, and yet she has not described it. From a reading of the book no one could profess to know Soochow, but at the same time no one could fail to be enchanted with this beautiful city. Again old Chinese customs have been put into a romantic setting and there are few writers more capable than Miss Milne of choosing the right custom to describe at the right moment.

"By Soochow Waters" is a worthy successor to "The Flower of Shanghai" in a Yunnan Courtyard and the other equally famous novels by the same author.

WOODBINE WILLIE

Some Biographical Gleanings

["G. A. Studdert Kennedy," by His Friends; Hodder and Stoughton; 5/-]

"It is said that someone is always ready to fill a leader's place when he is removed, but I do not know of anyone who can completely fill the gaps in the hearts of countless people who called Studdert 'friend'." So writes one of the friends "P. T. R. Kirk" of a man famous throughout the whole world, as "Woodbine Willie." He was born near Leeds in 1883, educated at Leeds Grammar School and Trinity College Dublin, and at both seats of learning his achievements and popularity gave promise of the life of usefulness and self sacrifice to follow. A year at Ripon Clergy College was followed by his ordination in 1908, and he became a curate at Rugby. Mr. J. K. Moyley who has in this volume described the "Home life and Early Ministry" of Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy has, by means of many anecdotes made it clear that seldom has there been such a popular and farseeing character, and although there is no attempt to land the virtues of the subject of the book one cannot help feeling that the "hero" is a "man."

"His life in Worcester" the second part of the book written by W. Moore Ede is unfortunately all too brief but the promise of his early years is maintained, and as a proof, if proof were needed, of the love the citizens of Worcester bore their "Great Preacher, and Prophet" we read of the widespread lamentation caused by his death in March, 1929, and the extraordinary scenes at his funeral at Worcester.

His noblest work, however, was that done whilst earning his title of "Woodbine Willie" with the troops in France, and the portion of the book, entitled "War Padre," and written by D. F. Carey will make the greatest appeal to many readers of his biography. This chapter is instructive, interesting and also quite amusing since Studdert Kennedy's methods with his soldier friends were unorthodox, and therefore lead to many quaint conditions. We can learn here why the men fighting appreciated his efforts, and looked upon him not as a "Sky Pilot" but as a friend to whom troubles and difficulties could be taken.

Other chapters:—I. C. F. Crusader, A Friend, The Man and His Message and finally the Epilogue are all written in a similar strain and at the end it is impossible not to think back, and realise that when the people of Worcester mourned the death of their "friend" hundreds of thousands of others spread over a vast area mourned with them.



The Nobel Foundation announced four awards, each worth \$48,209. The award for literature was given to Thomas Mann, well-known German novelist. The winner of the literature prize started writing on a stolen time while working in an insurance office. Now he takes his place among the great in literature by winning the Nobel prize.

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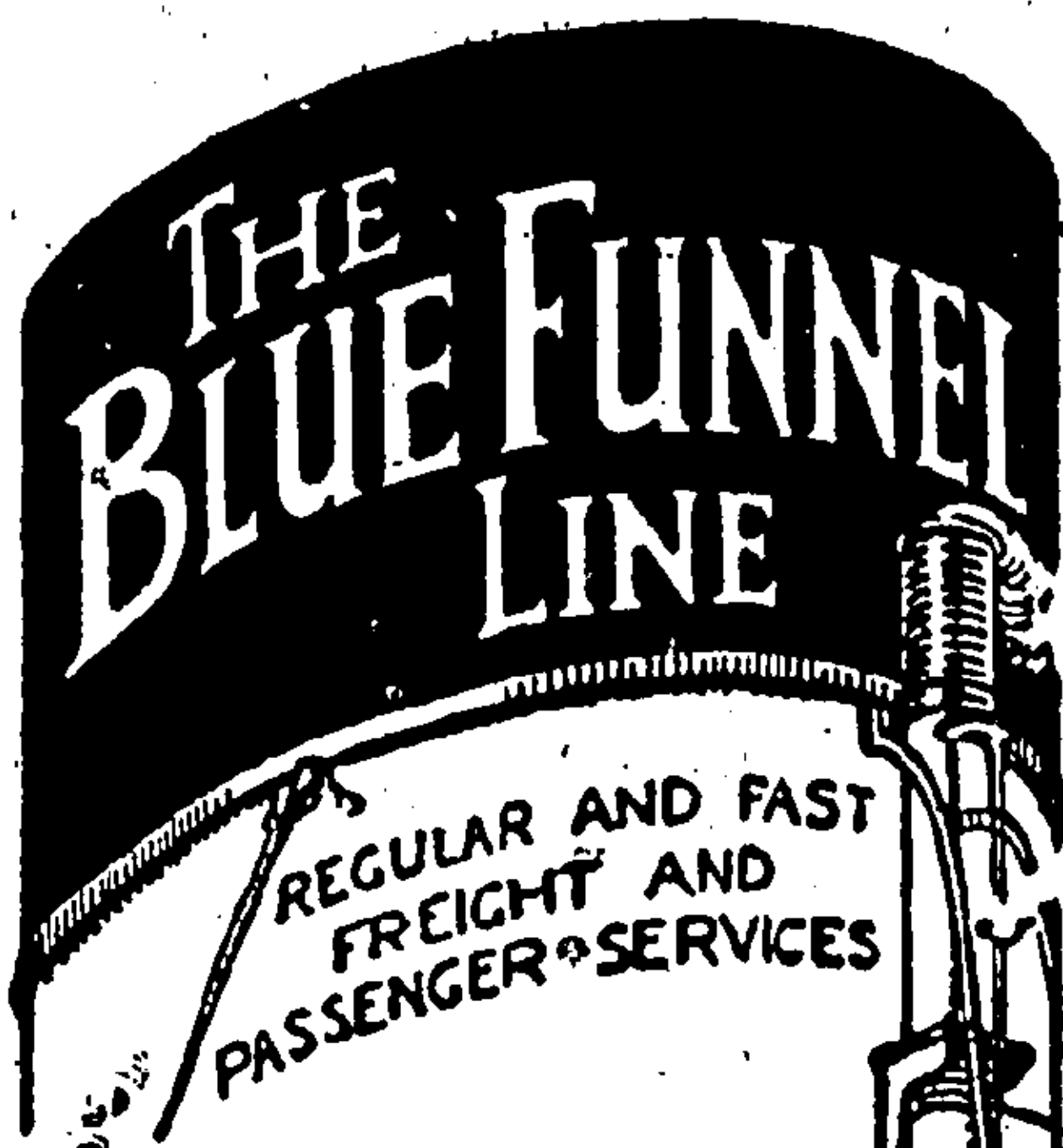
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INWARD MAILS

From	SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.	Per
Shanghai and Swatow	SUNDAY, JANUARY 5.	Shantung
Shanghai and Amoy	MONDAY, JANUARY 6.	Chekiang
Japan	TUESDAY, JANUARY 7.	Burma Maru
Australia and Manila		Nellie
Manila		President Pierce
Straits		Kitano Maru
Straits		Cramer
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OUTWARD MAILS

For	SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.	Per
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America via San Francisco	Taiyo Maru (Due San Francisco, Jan. 29.) Registration Jan. 4, 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Taiyo Maru Registration Jan. 4, 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.	
Manila	President Jackson 4.30 p.m.	
Formosa	Dollus 5 p.m.	
Amoy	Katchow 8.30 a.m.	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kayong 9 a.m.	
Straits and Calcutta	Yusungang Parcels Jan. 6, Noon. Letters 1 p.m.	
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Brisbane	Burma Maru (Due Brisbane, Jan. 24.) Registration Jan. 6, 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Havana Maru 1.30 p.m. Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Pierce (Due Victoria, B.C., Jan. 24.) Parcels Jan. 6, 4.15 p.m. Registration Jan. 6, 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	
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Brussels, Yesterday.
Princess Marie Jose, accompanied by their Majesties and her brother, left for Rome in the Italian royal train, which is unrivalled for splendour. Thousands lined the streets and expressed a lively interest in the Princess's romance in view of the recent attempt on the life of Prince Humbert. There were many rumours of plots and the strongest precautions were taken, the line being closely patrolled. The train was preceded by pilot engines, and two special trains conveying the guests for the wedding.—Reuter.

BURIA' OF PAISLEY FI & VICTIMS

POIGNANT SCENES ENACTED AT
THE GRAVESIDE
THE TOWN HUSHED

London, Yesterday.
The busy town of Paisley, its cotton mills, and other industries, were hushed as, following the memorial service at Paisley Abbey, the hearse and funeral cortège filed five hours bearing the 50 victims of the cinema disaster to Hawickhead cemetery for interment. Two long rows of little graves were provided for the bodies of 26 of the victims, which the Roman Catholics had rested in the churches.
Manager Remanded
Later.
All night long, and faced parents were hovering in the vicinity. The poignant scenes at the graveyard which was crowded with sorrowing relatives were accentuated owing to the fact that two grave diggers lost their lives in the disaster.
The manager of the cinema, Dore, was formally charged and remanded in custody. The proceedings are private.—Reuter.

Delightfully quaint Japanese etchings, with copies of the menus of the "Asama Maru," have been received by the China Mail from the local office of the N.Y.K.

ANOTHER FIRE AT WASHINGTON

FLAMES IN THE ARCHIVES OF
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VISIBLE A MILE AWAY

Washington, Yesterday.
A fire broke out in the archives of a room in the House of Representatives this evening. The flames and smoke were visible a mile away. The general fire alarm sounded, and fire engines raced down Pennsylvania Avenue.—Reuter's American Service.

[A similar outbreak occurred at White House on December 25, when the Presidential Executive Offices were destroyed by a fire which took two hours to overcome. The damage was estimated at \$80,000. Mr. Hoover's private papers were rescued, but many records were destroyed. White House proper, to which the offices are connected by a passageway was undamaged.]

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New titles of the highest officers in the Hong Kong Police have been announced in the "Government Gazette" to give effect to the Ordinance passed recently to bring about certain changes.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (hitherto Captain Superintendent) becomes Inspector General of Police.

Then there are three Divisional Superintendents, as follows:—
Hong Kong: Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. (formerly Deputy Superintendent).

Divisional Superintendent, Director Criminal Investigation: Mr. T. H. King.

Kowloon: Mr. D. Burlingham (hitherto Deputy Superintendent, Kowloon).

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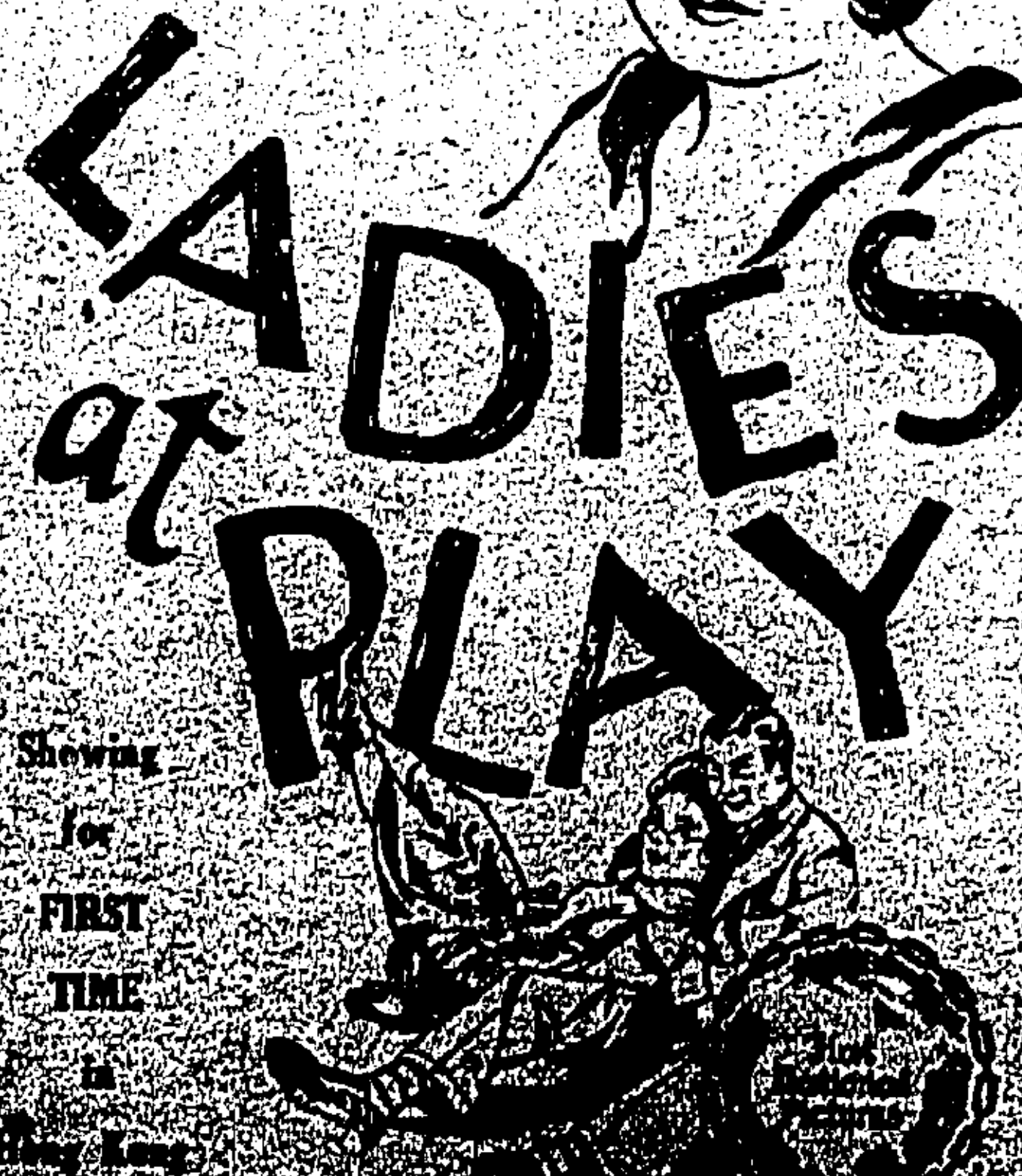
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